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By Regional Park District

Scenic Lands Purchase Plan Initiated

By Stan Hall

Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District voted Monday night to begin creating a benefit assessment district to help fund the purchase of open coastal lands stretching from Marina to Point Lobos.

Despite protests that a vote of the public would be fairer, the board unanimously adopted a resolution as a first step toward creating the benefit assessment district administratively.

State law allows a public agency to create special districts to raise money from special assessments to pay for specific benefits.

For the park district, a series of public hearings will be required and landowners can file protests, but no further public vote is planned.

"It's not fair to say it's unfair until (a required) report is received," protested board member Dina Stansbury after hearing the complaints. "The board will listen with open ears. It's premature to write it off," given the 55 percent approval of Measure N on Nov. 6, she said.

"The people want us to come up with a plan," agreed member Zad Leavy. "It's not going to be placed in stone

See pages 6 and 7 for related stories on Measure N vote totals and park district plans for wildlife habitat purchases.

tonight, or even by (August)... At least, we ought to take the first step."

Under the resolution, manager Gary Tate will be responsible for preparing a report on the open spaces the district ought to try to purchase, their costs, the benefits to property owners within the district and how commercial properties would be taxed to help pay for them. His initial report, known as a resolution of intention, is scheduled to be presented to the board Feb. 4.

"We still have a lot of unanswered questions," Tate acknowledged."I hope they will be answered in (this) report."

The action by the board is a follow up to voter approval of Measure N, an advisory vote, asking whether single family homes should be assessed up to $36 a year for 30 years to help finance the purchase of undeveloped scenic property within the park district.

The initial board resolution stipulated that the boundaries of the special assessment district would be the same as the boundaries of the park district itself.

But Anne McGowan, lawyer for the board, said the boundaries could be reduced after Tate's initial report is

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READY TO JOIN SANTA for a parade through the Village once he flies in Saturday morning is this handsome six-horse hitch from Stonepine Inn. Flying in for the 33rd year, Santa is scheduled to arrive at 11 a.m. and then parade down to Community Youth Center where he will meet personally with area youngsters. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Council Splits 3-2

Carmel House Size Reduction Left to Voters

By Isabelle Hall

A bitterly divided Carmel City Council voted 3-2 again Tuesday to ask voters to approve a law that took effect Sept. 6 restricting the floor area ratio (FAR) of a house on a 4, 000-square-foot lot to 40 percent—or 1,400 square feet plus a garage.

The acrimonious debate at the fifth public hearing since July made it clear the council was just as divided as it was when Barbara Brooks, the newest member, first suggested asking the voters to reaffirm the ordinance because she felt it had so divided the community.

Charges of "deceitfulness" and "dishonesty" were traded at the council table Tuesday night but the public, as if already tired of the issue, made no comment.

Adamantly opposed to downsizing from the previous 45 percent FAR, are Mayor Jean Grace and Councilman Bob Fischer. Holding firm in the majority were Brooks and Councilmen Ken White and Jim Wright.

White had forced the issue back for another vote because the threesome did not like the language proposed for the ballot which will be before the voters in a March 7 election. The staff had proposed voters be asked to choose either 40 percent or 45 percent.

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Tree Lightings, Santa's Fly-in Mark Season

The holiday season will swing into high gear this weekend with the lighting of the Mid Valley Fire Department Tree Friday night and Santa's fly-in to Carmel Valley Airport Saturday—two events with 60 years of Yuletide tradition between them.

Santa Claus is scheduled to land at the airport in the Village at 11 a.m. and then lead a parade down Carmel Valley Road to the Community Youth Center. There, he and Mrs. Claus will meet area youngsters privately and hear their Christmas wishes.

It will be the 33rd annual fly-in to the Village's small airstrip, according to local merchant Randy Randazzo. He will be the marshal of the parade, riding his pinto horse.

The night before, the 27th lighting of a 50-foot tree on Saddle Mountain overlooking the Valley will climax an open house at Mid Valley fire station from 6 to 7 p.m. Egg nog and cookies will be served, and firemen urged the public to attend.

Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold its annual City Christmas tree lighting a week later on Dec. 14 when all children are invited to the festivities at Devendorf Park at 4 p.m. The Carmel High School Band arrives at 5 p.m. in the front patio area of the Carmel Plaza on Ocean Avenue across from the park. Groups of carolers will stroll through the city enroute to the plaza where Mayor Jean Grace will officially light the tree at 6:20 p.m. and Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck.

Tom Steiny, owner of Mid Valley Chevron, will have the honor of throwing the switch to turn on the lights on the Saddle Mountain tree which has brightened the Yule season every year since 1963. Chosen for the honor by Mid Valley volunteers, Steiny has provided jobs for some 250 area teenagers at his service station over the years and many of them have gone on to become Mid Valley volunteers or paid firefighters.

At the Community Center on Ford Road in the Village, the Carmel Valley Artists Association will hold a Christmas fair in conjunction with the arrival of St. Nick on Saturday. Food also will be served at the Community Center.

Also as a part of the Christmas tradition in the Valley, the Mid Valley and Carmel Valley fire departments will again be

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Hekhuis to be Water Board Chair; Schaefer May Take Mayors' Job

By Stan Hall

Dale Hekhuis is in line to become the next chairman of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Who will fill out the board by representing the mayors is still up in the air, but Mayor Flo Schaefer of Pacific Grove is edging closer to agreeing to serve.

Hekhuis declined to comment directly when asked by the *Sun* about its information that he is all set to be named as Dick Heuer's successor, barring the unforeseen. Heuer announced he would not serve as chairman another year.

Hekhuis did note that the board has named a nominating committee to recommend officers for 1991, but that it has not met yet.

Asked if he would take the job if it were offered to him, Hekhuis answered "yes" without any hesitation.

A successor for Morris Fisher, former Pacific Grove mayor who had to leave the board when he left city office, is not so easy to divine.

Mayor Dan Albert of Monterey has been under quiet pressure from some of his colleagues to accept the position to keep it from going to Mayors Lance McClair of

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LETTERS

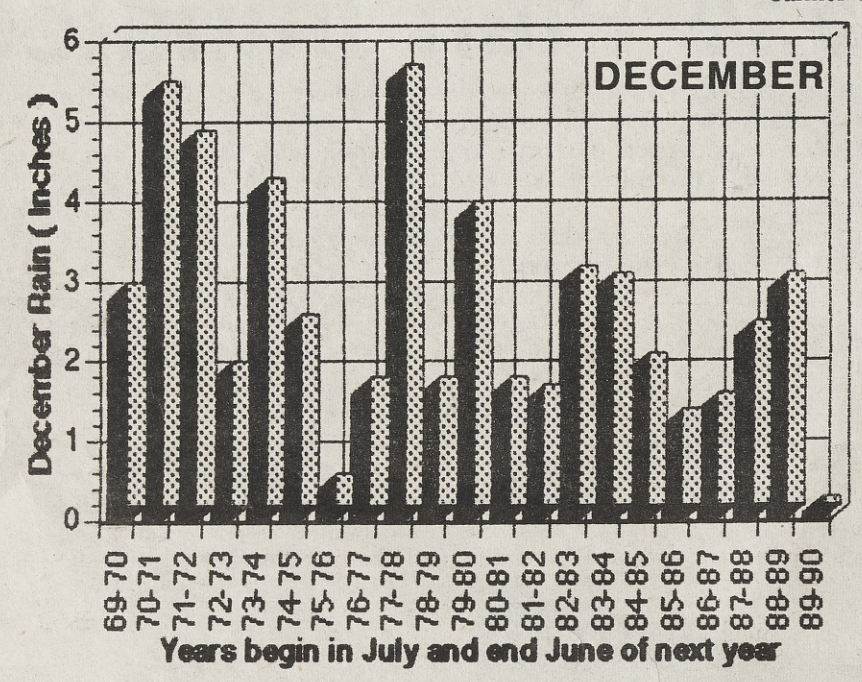
Reservoirs and Aquifers Need Rain Soon

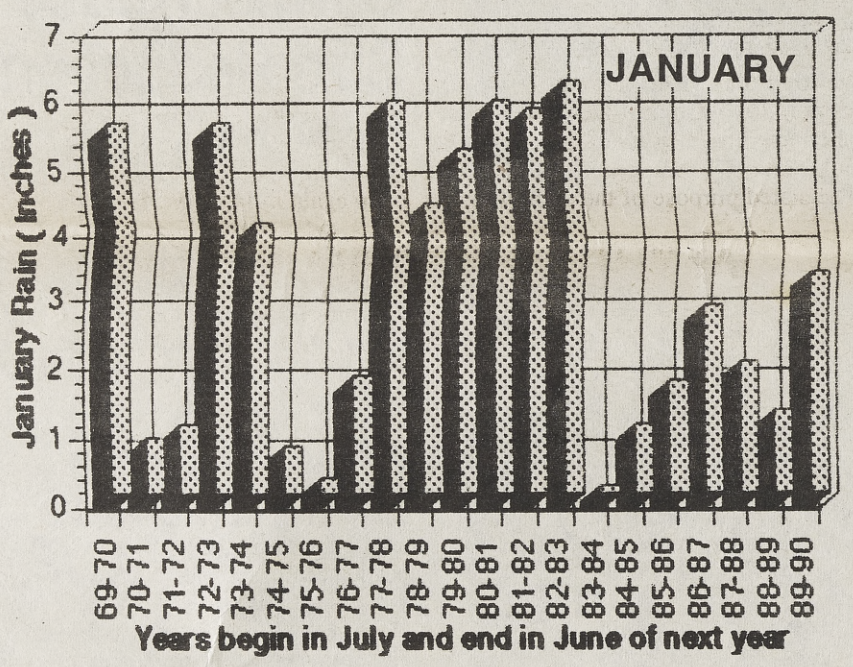
Everyone wonders when the drought will be over. We look for most of our rain to fall within the next three months. If we do not get it then, we are in for another dry year.

I have plotted rain data for December and January for the last 20 years in Monterey. Our rain data in Carmel Valley may vary a little from that of Monterey. For example, my rain gauge read 0.42 for the last rain storm, and in Monterey, they reported 0.5 inches.

But these data give an idea of what has happened in these two months in our area. To get back to normal rainfall in this area, we should have 10 days of rain in each of the months of December, January and February. Let's hope we do, and that we have 20 inches or more of rain to fill our reservoirs and our aquifers.

Robert G. Read
Carmel Valley





Carmel Council Denies Appeals

Requests to let the popular Creme Carmel Restaurant move to a better location and allow Karaoke singing at the Japanese restaurant Hamaichi were denied by the Carmel City Council Tuesday night.

The issues both came to the council on appeal from the Planning Commission whose decisions were upheld. Also denied was an appeal by the owners of the Wayfarer Motel against a ruling it could not have a use permit for an illegal garage apartment.

Zigmont "Jody" LeTowt, owner of a 4,000-square foot property on the west side of Mission between Fourth and Fifth Avenues, asked that it be rezoned from Residential and Limited Commercial Land Use to Service Commercial so he could sell it to the owners of Creme Carmel.

The council, which has already ordered a study of zoning throughout the city, was not inclined to act on the request as a separate issue despite warnings that the restaurant could be forced to move out.

Owner Craig Ling said five restaurants had left Carmel since 1984 when the zoning was changed and others had not replaced them. Appearing with his wife, two young sons and an infant, he said he did have one more year on his current lease.

LeTowt said he had been advised by the Planning Department staff to seek a zoning change and said he questioned "whether a small town like Carmel really needs three types of zones."

Councilman Bob Fischer was the lone dissenter. The debate sparked a proposal that the council examine the feasibility of preserving the entire block which contains some good examples of the original Carmel cottage.

On the Karaoke issue, Council members Barbara Brooks and Bob Fischer voted against denial of the Dolores Street restaurant's request to be allowed to have recorded music and a video display of the words to songs so patrons can conduct a type of sing-a-long currently popular in Japan.

During an hour-long hearing on Karaoke, the council learned that live entertainment, which members thought was banned in the city, is only prohibited where liquor is sold. Confusion over the ordinance led to a 5-0 vote to clarify it.

"It's a boardwalk type of entertainment," Mayor Jean Grace said of Karaoke. "And, it's certainly live entertainment. We don't even allow a classical, unamplified guitar to be played."

Wrestling with the whole concept of the trendy entertainment, Brooks said she wanted to visit the restaurant to see it for herself.

"What's the difference between this and singing Happy Birthday?" questioned Fischer.

Bob Uemura, attorney for Hamaichi owner Hirofumi Ichimaru, said in Karaoke the customer is not entertaining other people. He said it was "very traditional" in Japan for restaurants to offer the music.

"Why do you have a microphone?" asked the mayor.

"It sounds better," said Uemura.

"We're probably the only community in the whole state that doesn't allow live entertainment," Fischer said.

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Condominium-Apartment Project Approved for Carmel-by-the-Sea

By Isabelle Hall

A 20-unit luxury condominium-apartment complex—probably the largest ever proposed in Carmel-by-the-Sea—has cleared the Planning Commission after years in process only to be stalled by poor market conditions and the pending construction moratorium.

The Viejo Carmel project on former Handley lumberyard property on the west side of Junipero was approved on a 5-2 vote Nov. 28. Commissioners Lindsay Hanna and Barbara Lysle, both of whom have been appointed in the last year, dissented, urging the complex be reduced in size. Commissioner Brian Congleton, also a recent addition on the panel, said, "I like the project. It is well designed and (the developer) has responded to all the concerns expressed."

In the works for the past 15 years, the project is planned by Robert Murphy, a Carmel resident, who owns the site south of the Horizon Hotel which was previously occupied by the Carmel Builders Yard. The land and the recently opened Vista Lobos city park on the east side of Junipero for many years constituted the lumberyard operated by the late J.O. Handley. Buildings to be demolished were constructed in the 1940's and 50's by Handley.

Despite the name, Robert Murphy, a businessman who retired to Carmel, is no relation to M.J. Murphy, the prominent peninsula builder who created much of the architectural look of the city.

The planning commission granted Murphy a development permit authorizing the demolition of existing commercial buildings at the 20,000-square-foot site, construction of a 34-unit underground garage and concept design approval for the residential development. A density of 22 units per acre was approved for the project in the R-4 land use district.

The project now goes to the City Council which requested review to ensure that mitigations required by an EIR were being followed. The final design will also require planning commission approval.

Attorney Jim Heisinger, Murphy's representative, could not say when construction might actually begin on the million-dollar plus development.

"The market is not great and the moratorium will be taking effect," he told the *Sun*. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has approved a construction moratorium to take effect Jan. 1 with no provision for when or how it will end. The city plans to follow suit.

The site is the largest undeveloped parcel available for a multi-family dwelling in Carmel. The northern stretch of Junipero had been a light industrial area when the lumberyard and a dairy were in business.

The commission asked the developer to revise the original Mediterranean architecture and create a design more characteristic of the city. In noting how the developer had complied with commission requests to change its proposal, the staff said, "Perhaps most significantly, the Mediterranean architecture was completely revised to reflect the traditions established by M.J. Murphy's commercial buildings."

Robert Murphy's architect John Matthams showed the commission photographs of many older buildings in Carmel as a demonstration of how he had worked to come up with a design that would fit in with the character of the little city after the original Mediterranean architecture was protested.

Other prime concerns were that the views of Carmel Bay from the city park be preserved and that the project include sufficient open space. The park sits high above Junipero on the east side of the divided road.

Approved was a mix of owner-occupied and rental units: six 1-bedroom, 486-square-foot flats; 2 1-bedroom, 548-square-foot flats; two 1-bedroom, 580-square-foot townhouses, all rental units; and two 2-bedroom, 1,295-square-foot townhouses; two 2-bedroom, 1,200-square-foot townhouses, two 2-bedroom, 1,315-square-foot townhouses, two 2-bedroom, 1,468-square-foot flats and two 2-bedroom, 1,060 square-foot flats, all condominiums.

The approval requires that the number of condominium units will never exceed the number of rental apartment units and that whenever the number of total units exceeds 14, at least two shall be provided as low income affordable housing units. The rental units may not be used as time-share or short-term occupancy of less than 29 days.

The planning department said the project had met at least four of the city's required design objectives—usable open space, courtyard, inter-accessibility within the block and affordable housing—and therefore qualified for a 10 percent density bonus. The two dissenting commissioners also disagreed on this point.

Setting It Straight

In the Nov. 29 issue, the *Sun* incorrectly reported that the Carmel Planning Department had proposed four changes in the Mission Ranch Project to the Monterey County Planning Department, including restoration instead of replacement of five individual cottages built in the 1940's. Restoration of the cottages was suggested by the Architectural Preservation Committee whose recommendation was included in a letter from the city to the county. It was not part of the Planning Department's recommendation.

Square Footage Costs Updated

One of the richest little cities in America, Carmel-by-the-Sea is still charging for building permits based on a cost of $81.13 per square foot although actual house values are much higher.

The city council approved a measure Tuesday to bring the square footage cost somewhat more in line to a value of $125.65. The measure sailed through without comment.

Tim Meroney of the Building Department told the council the present rate valued an average 1,800 square foot house at $146,000. This would go to $226,170 under the revision and bring an estimated $10,000 to $15,000 more into the city coffers through the resulting higher cost of building permits which are based on square footage.

After the measure was passed, a resident, Anne Woolworth, asked if this meant her taxes would go up. The consensus was not unless she remodeled her house to make it larger.

But Alan Williams, who owns Carmel Design Co., said, "This is a 50 percent increase. It is not inappropriate but it is a 50 percent increase and...in time the tax assessor will look at it. It will impact on homeowners. The city council ought to look at what it does to the community as a whole."

Do Carmelites Live in the Past?

Carmel-by-the-Sea, founded in 1916 and keen on preserving its past, is having difficulty trying to look into the future.

During budget hearings last summer, the city council voted to create a special committee, hopefully comprised of "dreamers," to look ahead and see what kind of city Carmel should be in 2016 when it celebrates its centennial.

No one has been appointed to the "Carmel 2016 Committee" for lack of applicants. The city even advertised for people and got no response.

The stated purpose of the committee "is to undertake an expansive exploration of the future, tapping the imaginations, dreams, desires, insights and needs that Carmelites have for the year 2016 and beyond."

It is to be composed of 15 members or less with one-third to be residents of either the city or the area in its "sphere of influence" and two-thirds to be residents of the one-mile square city.

Appointments to the committee were once again continued at the regular council meeting Tuesday. The matter will come up again in January.

Positive Thoughts

Herman & Miriam Fickewirth

When Life Gets Hard
by Norman Vincent Peale

FIRST Don't try to do it all yourself. Do not struggle and fret. Do not strain and complain. Do all you can about things and then put everything into God's hands, trusting Him to bring it out right. You can depend upon God. He will not fail you. Let Go and Let God.

SECOND Pray for guidance and believe that direction is now being given you. Believe this guidance can be trusted. Depend upon it. For it won't fail you.

THIRD Pray for and practice a calm attitude. Disturbing things will remain disturbing as long as you are disturbed. But when you become peaceful, conditions will iron themselves out. You cannot think creatively when the mind is upset. Remember: upset minds upset; peaceful minds "peacefulize."

FOURTH Saturate your consciousness with faith, the creative faith that things will turn out right. Say aloud every day several times: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." "Peace I give unto you; not as the word giveth, give I unto you—Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

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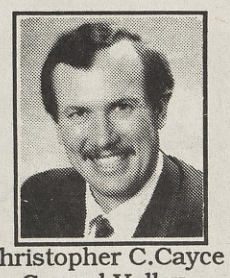

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SHERIFF'S LOG

SOUTH COAST. A woman reported her home in Garrapata Canyon was the scene of a burglary in which jewelry, a fur coat and a TV were taken. 11/26.

MID VALLEY. A woman reported that a woman who lived at the same Robinson Canyon address as she had "embezzled" her Volkswagen; it was returned. 11/27.

RIO ROAD. A man reported that tools were stolen from his pickup while it was parked in a Crossroads lot. 11/27.

Stove And Ice Box Mystery

MID VALLEY. An anonymous caller reported a refrigerator and a stove had been left on the side of Schulte Road. Contacted, a resident told deputies the Salvation Army had told him to leave them there. Mid Valley firemen took the door off the refrigerator. 11/27.

CARMEL. A man reported he saw a man coming out of his guest house on 7th Street and later discovered $40 missing. 11/28.

SOUTH COAST. A resident of the area reported a suspicious car parked on Yankee Point Drive; deputies determined that its juvenile driver had been taking pictures and got the car stuck in a ditch. 11/29.

Big Haul on Scenic

CARMEL. A 29-year old man who lives on Scenic Drive reported that an 18-year-old man from Los Angeles had stolen his 1990 Cadillac Allante, two guns, a lighter and $6,800 in cash. 11/29.

RIO ROAD. Safeway employees reported a man was drunk in his car at the store's parking lot in the Crossroads; deputies summoned a taxi to take him home. 11/30.

CACHAGUA. A woman caller told deputies a drunk female was causing trouble at the Pack Station. 11/30.

CARMEL. A woman reported the theft of stereo equipment from her car while it was parked in front of her house on Santa Rita. 12/2.

Yule Safety Tips

Christmas holidays are a dangerous time of year, warns Mid Valley Fire Department. Here are some of its fire tips to help make the season safer:

o Choose a live tree that is green with needles that are hard to pull off. Cut an inch off the trunk and keep it in water in a non-tip stand. Place the tree away from heaters and fireplaces. Buy artificial trees that have a fire retardant label.

o Inspect indoor and outdoor lights for cracks and wear. Replace worn sets. Light systems should be labeled by a testing agency such as UL. Don't overload outlets, and use lights in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Don't put electric lights on a metallic tree. Always unplug all Christmas lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

o Keep combustible decorations away from fireplaces and candles. Do not burn wrapping paper or tree boughs in the fireplace. Check your smoke detector, and give it a new battery for Christmas.

Tree Seedling Giveway

The Forest and Beach Commission of Carmel will be giving away 1,500 pine seedlings at the Post Office parking lot, Dolores and Fifth, starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. The annual "Tree Day" was started by the commission in 1963 to stimulate residents to plant pine seedlings. More than 75,000 seedlings have been distributed since the project was started by the late Gene Ricketts, a former commissioner.

New Applications Won't Be Accepted

Carmel Building Moratorium Postponed Until January

The Carmel City Council postponed action Tuesday on imposition of a building moratorium that would bring it in line with the Monterey Pensinula Water Management District ban scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

Action was deferred until the Jan. 8 meeting to allow council input on the matter due to Tuesday night's heavy schedule. The district moratorium will run to a date as yet undecided in the wake of a four-year drought gripping the peninsula.

If the resolution is approved as proposed, Carmel would no longer accept, process or approve applications for new construction or remodeling projects which involve increased water use until the water reserve is re-established.

Planning Department Director Diane White told the *Sun* that she did not anticipate any particular slowdown in the workload of her department under a moratorium.

"I think we will be busier," she said. White believes that because the district ban would allow tradeoffs—such as shutting off an outside hose connection to use the water saved for a bathroom—people will turn to Carmel, where there are many remodeling opportunities, once they can no longer build new homes on vacant lots in other parts of the county.

"The types of projects affected would be those involving increased commercial floor area, new dwellings, subdivisions, new water-intensive businesses, and remodels involving a net increase in plumbing fixtures," the city explained in a staff memo.

The district's action eliminated the city's allocation of surplus water supplies requiring a resolution to interpret the municipal code and clarify how projects and applications are to be treated.

Water-using projects that will be, or have already been, granted discretionary permits but have not been issued a building permit by the time the ban takes effect will be placed on a waiting list until new water supplies are established, the resolution proposed.

Projects with a time limit of one year or less which expire before the moratorium is lifted would be entitled to an extension of time to begin their project if the resolution is approved. The length of any extension would be equal to the original time limit or the length of the moratorium whichever was shorter.

"Staff expects this will be adequate to protect all projects until the new wells in Seaside begin producing water next spring," the memo said, referring to district plans for a new well in Seaside.

The district is expected to give final reading to its ordinance establishing the moratorium Dec. 13. As passed Nov. 26, it does not specify how or when it would end but says, "until new supplies of water are developed, this ordinance shall have no sunset provisions."

Carmel to Vote on House Size Reduction

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White said he wanted to "simplify" the issue and ask voters simply to vote yes or no on 40 percent. Once again, the vote was 3-2. The majority voted that the ballot would ask:

"Should the general plan of Carmel-by-the-Sea and Ordinance 90-08 specify that building intensity in the single family residential area may not exceed a 40 pecent floor area ratio..."

Wright had suggested the language, one of five options presented to the council. The FAR had been 45 percent until the council voted 3-2 July 10 for the 40 percent ratio. More than 40 residents divided fairly evenly at public hearings.

Since the 40 percent ratio became law on Sept. 6, the city planning department has received not a single application to build or remodel pending the outcome of the dispute.

"It's very deceitful not to tell the public what it's being changed from," said the mayor. "You need to tell people what the choices are. You should be honest with the public. It was a fairly divided council."

"The reason we're going to the ballot is to see if the whole community is divided 2-1/2 to 2-1/2," retorted Brooks. "There's nothing dishonest about it."

"It is dishonest," charged Fischer. "If they vote down the 40 percent, it's possible members of the council could say they'll take it to 41 percent. There's no clear cut choice."

At which point White protested, "I've always felt that a person sitting on a public body should have their position respected...I've not used the word 'deceitful" and 'dishonest" when I disagreed with you."

"I didn't call you dishonest or deceitful," apologized Grace. "I think this is deceitful language. We're not telling the public what will happen if they vote 'no.'" Wright shut off debate by calling for the question.

Grace and Fischer also lost the second round when it came to votes on who would author a ballot argument for the voters' pamphlets.

Wright volunteered to write the council's majority position. Grace and Fischer went along on a 5-0 vote but then were defeated 3-2 when they tried to get approval for their minority opinion to also be represented as a council position.

Fischer moved for the council to submit an argument against the ballot measure but Brooks said, "It doesn't make sense. The council voted for the measure."

"It doesn't make sense for the council to authorize itself to put out arguments both for and against its vote," said Wright.

Grace said she wouldn't have voted for the pro argument if she had known that, explaining that, "The reason we're here is because we are split on it. The fact we're split is a valid point and the public should know."

"If you go ahead and write the majority position, you deny me the right to represent the minority," charged Fischer.

Wright told him he could always put his name on an argument himself for use in the voter's pamphlet.

"This is going nowhere," Fischer huffed. "I'll call the question."

But he and Grace had the last word.

"You're using your position as a councilman to embellish your position, and I don't like that," said Fischer. "That bothers me," agreed Grace. "It's supposed to be a level playing field out there."

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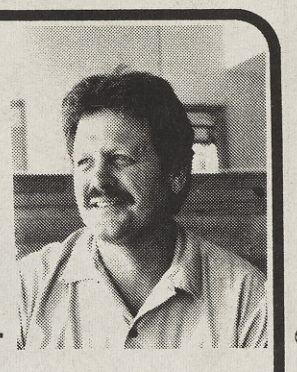
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Hekhuis Wants More Information On Valley's Use of Private Wells

"This scares the hell out of me, frankly. If it continues, it will undermine support for rationing and what we're trying to do."

With that, Dale Hekhuis of the Water Management District Board of Directors took the lead in demanding that steps be taken to understand and stop what may be growing use of private wells in Carmel Valley, especially in the lower Valley.

Hekhuis told his fellow directors they needed to know whether any increase in private water usage is because of a large number of small wells or a small number of large wells.

What set Hekhuis off was a staff report estimating that overall Cal-Am water production was down 31 percent since 1987-1988 while private wells produced 7 percent more in the same period.

Statistics presented at the board's meeting Nov. 26 showed production by private wells in the Valley had grown from 2,312-acre-feet in 1987 to 2,781-acre feet in 1990. During the same period, Cal-Am production from the Valley aquifers declined from 8,442-acre-feet in 1987 to 6,063-acre-feet in 1990.

Of those private well totals for 1990, 383-acre-feet were pumped in upper Carmel Valley and 2,398-acre-feet were pumped in lower Carmel Valley. By comparison, 477-acre feet were reported pumped from upper Carmel Valley and 1,835-acre-feet in lower Carmel Valley in 1987.

But Bruce Laclergue, associate hydrologist for the district, cautioned that changes had been made recently in the way usage was calculated. The numbers presented for private water production for earlier years might be significantly lower than they should be, he said.

"If that is the case," Leclergue told the *Sun* later, "we may not have had a real increase in private well production and usage at all."

Despite the uncertainty about the accuracy of the numbers, Hekhuis was adamant. "My gut feeling is that a great number of homeowners in the Valley are using both Cal-Am and private well water" since rationing was imposed by the Water Management District two years ago, he said. He characterized such homeowners as "double-dippers."

"Do we need a new metering ordinance?" Hekhuis asked.

"And maybe a permitting ordinance?" added member Kenneth Long, suggesting it be made more difficult to get permission to drill a private well.

Since 20 percent rationing began two years ago in the district, Leclergue estimated that 40 new private wells had ben drilled in Carmel Valley, but Larry Foy, general manager of Cal-Am suggested the number was higher than that.

Told that a workshop on the issue of private well usage was being planned by the staff, Hekhuis said that was fine, but he wanted a more thorough analysis of private well use prepared for the Dec. 13 directors meeting.

Because only the largest 20 or so wells in the Carmel River aquifer are presently metered, determining the production from smaller private wells is difficult. Leclergue said in preparing the more detailed report for the next meeting, he was checking for private well existence parcel number-by parcel number. He said he was also trying to determine what each well was used for in 1987 compared to its present use.

He told the *Sun* 166 wells in total are drilled into the Carmel River aquifer, according to his records. Of those, 17 are large wells operated by Cal Am. He said, however, from three to five private wells had been recently completed which would also have to be metered because they would produce more than 20-acre-feet a year.

At the water board meeting, Pat Bernardi, a resident of Mid Valley and a former member of the board, spoke up from the audience that she lived in a neighborhood where it was common for homes to have both wells and Cal-Am hookups.

She said, however, that with the yards and gardens around her dried up, she did not believe many homeowners were using both sources of water.

Schaefer Hints She'll Accept Water Board Seat

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Seaside or David Pendergrass of Sand City.

A couple of weeks ago, Albert left open the possibility that he might agree to serve when the *Sun* contacted him. But Monday he said that he had decided not to accept because of lack of time.

He also told the *Sun* that if McClair wants the job, "I'll support Lance."

Mayors Jean Grace of Carmel and Flo Schaefer have said previously that while they did not have time to take on the water board responsibility, they could not support either McClair or Pendergrass.

But Grace told the Sun she intended to nominate Schaefer if she were willing to take the job, and Schaefer said she might be willing to serve if no candidate satisfactory to her came forward.

The six mayors whose cities are in the water management district are scheduled to meet at 11:45 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey to take up the question of a successor for Fisher.

Since Fisher often voted with the minority when he was on the board, his replacement likely will not sway many board's policies, either. But if McClair is chosen, board meetings might become more rancorous. If Schaefer decides to accept the position, it would probably strengthen the present majority.

Just last month, McClair appeared before the board when it was considering a tough new building moratorium because of the drought and threatened to sue the water management district if it went ahead. Seaside and Sand City both are eager to press ahead with commercial development, feeling that they need to strengthen their economies.

Grace, Schaefer and perhaps to a lesser extent Albert tend to take a go-slow position on more growth, particularly as long as the drought continues and no new water supplies are developed.

In just his first year on the seven-member board, Hekhuis has clearly become one of its leaders. A former General Electric executive, he has taken the lead in trying to ensure that the board's policies are fair and even-handed. He spearheaded the drive for a citizens' review of rationing rules and more recently has raised questions about the use of private wells by residents in Carmel Valley who also may have Cal-Am hookups. He presently is vice chairman.

Grace said she would "nominate Flo right off the bat," if she indicates her willingness to serve. If she is not and no consensus mayor is selected, Grace added that she would be willing to look at city council members, including those from Seaside, as the mayors' representative.

Told of Grace's comments, Schaefer acknowledged that "people have been very persuasive" in talking to her about taking the position. "If no one else comes forward (who is satisfactory), I would consider taking it," she said.

Heuer's replacement with Hekhuis will not shift the balance of power on the board significantly on most issues. They are part of a 4-3 majority which usually prevails on most key questions.

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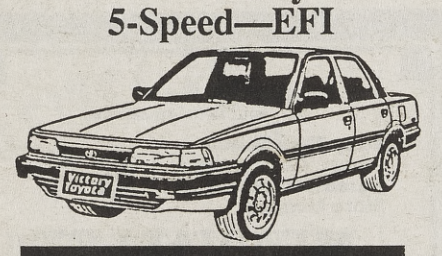

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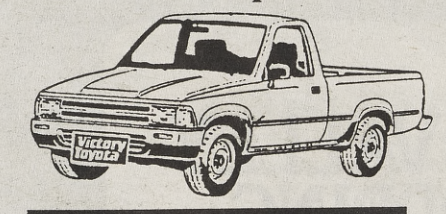

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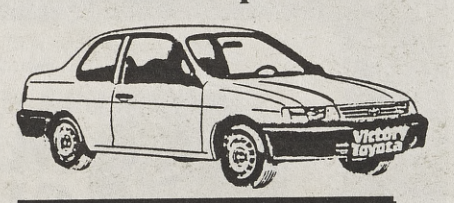

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Regional Park Seeks Wildlife Habitat to Buy

Sixteen properties have been identified by the regional park district for possible purchase using funds from last year's mountain lion habitat initiative. The public suggested eight other possibilities Monday night.

The park district staff included Rancho San Carlos, which sold last year for $70 million, and John A. Murphy's Little Horse Ranch on the Big Sur Coast. Not to be outdone, two members of the public proposed Hatton Canyon, site of a proposed Highway 1 freeway around Carmel.

After a public hearing, directors of the park district told manager Gary Tate to prepare a report for them identifying the highest priority projects. Tate told the *Sun* he expected to have the report ready by the board's Jan. 7 meeting, and if not then, by February.

"I expect to make specific recommendations, breaking the proposed projects down as high, medium and low priority," Tate added.

Park naturalist Nikki Nedeff told the board that the Prop 117 funds could be used to buy habitat for deer and lions, endangered species or wetlands, aquatic or riparian habitat. She also said it could be used for wetlands, aquatic or riparian restoration projects.

Nedeff said the state had developed a specific list of criteria to be used in determining which properties should be purchased with money from Proposition 117, approved by state voters in June.

The ranking criteria include the significance of the property, the chances it will be sold or developed, whether the owner is willing to sell to the park district, how funding will be accomplished, public support for the purchase and how the land will be managed after it is bought.

Proposition 117, which protected mountain lions from sport hunting, also provided for statewide spending of $30 million a year for 30 years. The money comes almost equally from past bond issues and unallocated tobacco taxes.

Under the initiative, $1.5 million a year has been earmarked specifically for purchase of land in the Santa Lucia Mountains south of Highway 68. That money is available to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District or the state Parks and Recreation Department.

The park district staff recommended 16 properties as potential Prop 117 purchases and their appraised value in some cases. The list included:

- Norman Miller property, 509 acres, atop Cachagua Grade, $1 million.
- Moo Land Corp., 35 acres, adjacent to Trail & Saddle Club at the end of West Garzas Road, $575,000.
- Doud property, 2,000 acres more or less, Highway 1 east of Garrapata State Beach, no appraisal.
- Wolter/Sanford property, 80 acres, western slope of Garzas Canyon, surrounded on three sides by Garland Park, one parcel appraised at $125,000, the other not appraised.
- Ragsdale property, 179 acres, western slope of Garzas Canyon below the lookout tower, no appraisal.
- David Vasquez, 160 acres, adjacent to Garland Park at Vasquez Knob, intertwining parcel between the park and Rancho San Carlos, no appraisal.
- Various property near the Mill Creek Preserve in Palo Colorado Canyon, various sizes and owners, no appraisals.
- Bill Lange, 640 acres, access from Garrapata Beach in Joshua Creek, no appraisal.
- Rancho San Carlos, 20,000 acres, south side of Carmel Valley, no appraisal.
- Point Lobos Ranch, 1,700 acres, east of Point Lobos State Reserve, no appraisal.
- John A. Murphy Ranch, 2,500 acres more or less, headwaters of Coast Range, above Doud and Garzas and San Jose Creeks above San Carlos Ranch, no appraisal.
- Del Guercio property, 160 acres, between Rancho San Carlos and Los Padres National Forest, no appraisal.
- Anne Lange property, 640 acres, adjacent to Los Padres Forest northern boundary, no appraisal.

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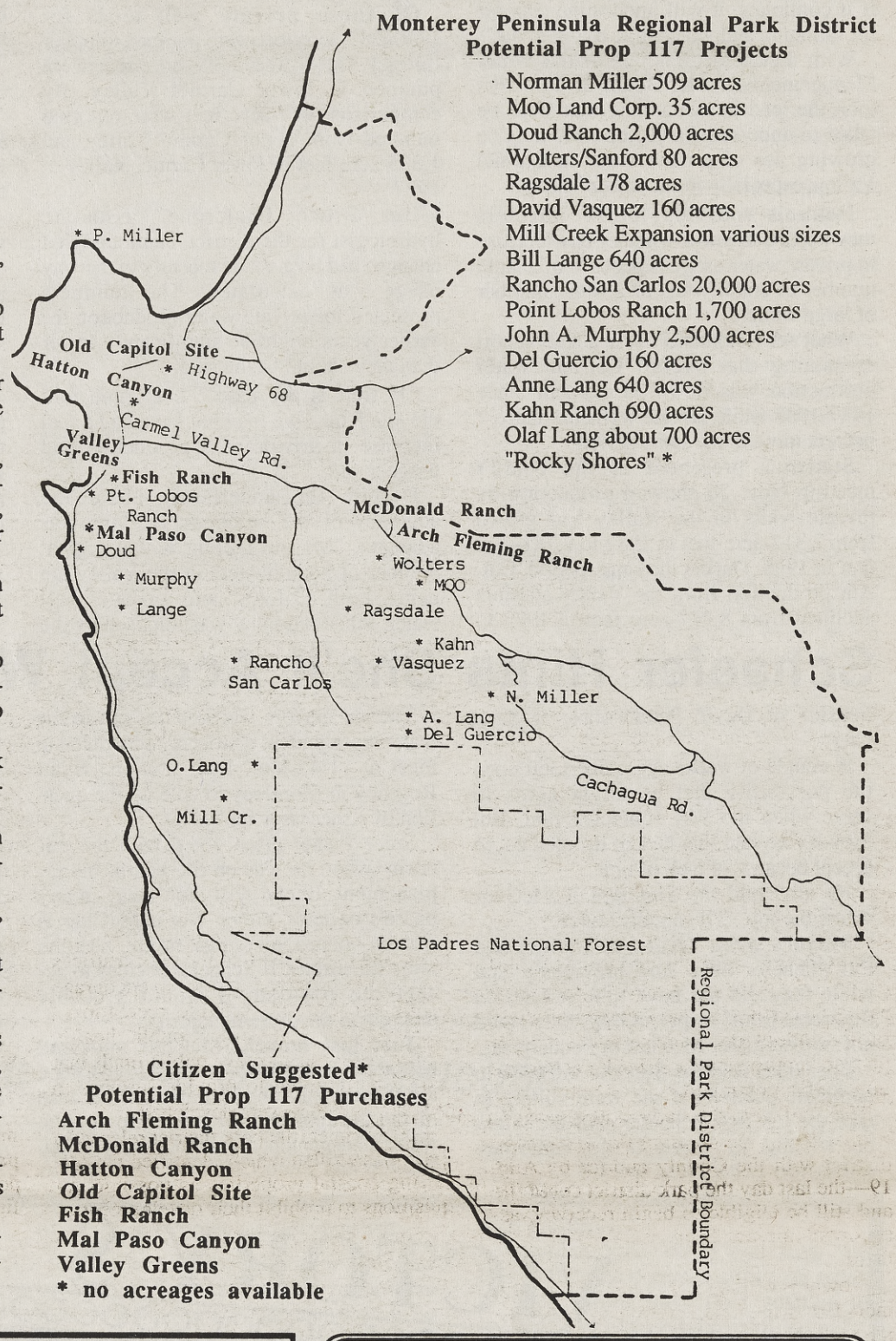

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Assessment District Initiated

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is received. Similarly, she said the public will have a chance to discuss proposed levies on commercial properties under the proposal.

Protesting the administrative creation of the benefit assessment district were the Monterey County Taxpayers Association, the Monterey County Commercial Property Owners Association and Don Boston, a resident of Pacific Grove.

"The cost of a bond election is not a good reason not to have one," Boston argued. He said that the required mailing of public hearings notices to landowners would cost more than a mail ballot election taking the issue directly to the people.

"If it can't stand the test of a two-thirds mail ballot vote, then it ought not to be," he said of the park district's acquisition plan.

Members of the board freely acknowledged that they did not think voters would approve a special tax by the required two-thirds majority.

"I would prefer to have a special tax," declared board member Sean Flavin. "It is more democratic and easier to administer. But I see of no conceivable way that two-thirds approval could be achieved."

A timetable outlined by McGowan said public hearings on Tate's report would begin March 4. At the same time, the district would begin an environmental review of its planned acquisitions, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

McGowan said the next step would be on June 6 when the board would be asked to certify the environmental study results, adopt the park district's master plan and approve what she called a resolution confirming report.

The final step, she said, would be to file a final resolution creating the assessment district with the County auditor by Aug. 19—the last day the park district could file and still be eligible to begin receiving assessment money from fiscal 1991-1992 taxes.

If owners of the majority of the acreage included in the assessment district protest the park district's plans to create the benefit assessment district, directors would have to vote by a four-fifths majority to continue with the proposal.

"Normally, politically speaking, that's a tough decision," McGowan said. But it appeared that a four-fifths margin does exist on the board, if the issue should come down to that. On the five-member board, only director Robert Griffin exhibited any hesitancy about proceeding with the creating of the assessment district during Monday night's meeting.

Noting that Seaside, Sand City and Marina voted against Measure N, Griffin, who lives in Seaside, said the board should work to encourage a great deal of public participation in the administrative process.

"The advisory vote was not reflective of an informed population," Griffin said. "We need to work more with getting people to know the benefits of what we're suggesting."

The board also unanimously voted to have Griffin and Flavin represent the directors and work with Tate in the preparation of his initial report. Tate told the board that he anticipated he would also need to work with a number of experts in drafting it, including an appraiser, the board's counsel, and consultants knowledgeable about the CEQA process.

The park district's master plan could require the development of an environmental impact report (EIR) or it might result in a so-called negative declaration—a finding that would not require an EIR.

Tate also said that one of the decisions that must be made is whether to try to purchase property from the yearly income of the benefit assessment or to borrow against its future earnings to be able to buy fairly early in the 30-year period and then pay for it over time. The park district has said it expected a benefit assessment district to collect $2.5 million a year.

Joyce Stevens, representing the Monterey Bay Dunes Coalition, supported the creation of the benefit assessment district. She said buying the property for parks would protect the area's main tax base. She explained that the park district's plan would provide facilities to encourage continued tourism, provide recreational opportunities, help protect public health, reduce pollution and save public funds that would be required to provide services to the parcels if they were developed.

Last summer, the park district released a draft master plan which identified the following coastal properties as possible acquisitions to prohibit their development:

- Marina Dunes expansion
- Seaside City Dunes expansion
- Seaside Dunes, including land adjacent to Roberts Lake
- Del Monte Dunes
- Window on the Bay, including the Southern Pacific property
- Cannery Row waterfront property
- Rocky Shores, near Asilomar in Pacific Grove
- Parcels east of Point Lobos
- Extension of recreation trail from Marina to Point Lobos

At that time, the park district said it estimated that the total cost of all the property would be more than $63 million.

Final Returns Show

Seaside, Sand City, Marina, Del Rey Oaks All Opposed Measure N

Despite overall approval, voters in Seaside, Sand City, Marina and Del Rey Oaks—home to many of the coastal dunes the regional park district wants to acquire— rejected Measure N, final returns from Nov. 6 showed.

Measure N was an advisory vote on whether voters were willing to tax themselves $36 per year per single family home for 30 years to help finance acquisition of open spaces and keep them from being developed. The final tally, by jurisdiction, was:

	yes	no
Carmel	1,452	824
Del Rey Oaks	314	370
Marina	1,363	2,009
Monterey	4,804	3,064
Pacific Grove	4,081	2,327
Sand City	18	42
Seaside	2,287	3,117
Unincorp.	6,717	5,148
Totals	21,036	16,901

Several of the cities that turned down Measure N are planning developments on the coast which would be welcomed by many of their residents as being necessary boosts to the local economies.

Final official returns compiled by County elections chief Bradley Clark also showed:

• Measure P won approval in the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District by 1,462 to 646, a 69 percent margin—just over the two-thirds required to impose a $75 per year tax on single-family homes to support a continuation of no fee emergency ambulance service.

• Voters in the County's fifth supervisorial district joined in the defeat of so-called Big Green and approved limiting terms of state politicians, but bucked the state trend by giving Democrat Diane Feinstein a razor-thin margin over Republican Pete Wilson for governor.

• Incumbent Zad Leavy finished with 5,993 votes for the director's seat on the regional park district from ward 5, to 3,858 for Reid Woodward and 1,681 for Cathleen Connell, who withdrew but whose name stayed on the ballot.

Measured by supervisorial districts, final returns showed Measure N lost in the third district 1,414 to 2,066. But it was approved 9,763 to 8,038 in the fourth district and by 9,859 to 6,797 in the fifth district.

State Proposition 128, the environmental protection plan authored by State Assemblyman Tom Hayden, was defeated soundly in every supervisorial district in the County. In the fifth district, the vote was 7,716 for it and 13,293 opposed. Countywide, the vote was 27,316 yes to 51,885 no.

The outcome in the County was closer on Proposition 140, which would limit the time state politicians could serve. The so-called "throw the rascals out," measure won 11,201 to 8,437 in the fifth supervisorial district. It squeaked past 37,152 to 37,134 in the County, with both the second and third districts voting narrowly against in.

In the governor's race, Feinstein topped Wilson 42,371 to 34,932 in the Countywide vote. In the fifth supervisorial district, she won 10,189 to 10,115.

The vote for governor, by jurisdictions in the local area, included:

	Wilson	*Feinstein*
Carmel	1,058	1,260
Del Rey Oaks	292	388
Marina	1,420	2,009
Monterey	3,267	4,881
Pacific Grove	2,465	4,122
Sand City	23	36
Seaside	1,590	3,935
Unincorp.	14,436	13,165

The resolution approved by the directors was under the Landscaping and Lighting act of 1972.

Directors acknowledged it would be more difficult to determine the benefit to property owners of the acquisition of open property than for the installation of street lights or public sewers.

Flavin said Tate's report should include a definition of the word benefit. "When you're talking about open space, recreation and beaches, it's more difficult to make a clear-cut case for a specific benefit," Slavin said.

As for the rejection of Measure N by the less developed cities along the northern part of the peninsula, Flavin called it "a curious anomaly," noting that many of the beachfront properties being proposed for acquisition were located there.

Reacting to the opposition from commercial property owners, Leavy said: "75 to 80 percent of the burden will be borne by homeowners, not commercial property owners."

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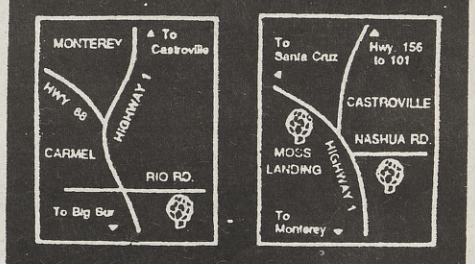

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Board Told Carmel Students Score High in Statewide Tests

By Carolyn Rice

The Carmel Unified School Board heard last Thursday that its students in the third, sixth, eighth and twelfth grades again scored high in statewide testing—perhaps in part because their teachers trained them how to take the tests.

School psychologist Marvin Biasotti reported on results of 1990 California Assessment Program (CAP) test administered last spring, explaining they are designed to compare students statewide to both all schools in the state and to schools that are similar to each other. In similar schools, the student's parents relate in educations and income, he said.

The 150 Carmel third graders tested at the 99th percentile in reading, 98th in written language and 97th in mathematics compared to all the schools statewide, Biasotti said. Compared with similar schools, Carmel's third graders placed in the upper 80's and middle 90's in the percentiles which Biasotti termed extremely good.

The sixth graders tested at the 94 percentile in mathematics, 80th in written language, and 91st in reading compared with all the schools in the state. Compared with schools similar to Carmel, they were in the 71st percentile in math, 40th percentile in written language and 62nd in reading.

The eighth graders tested at the 93rd, 98th and 98th percentile in reading, mathematics and science respectively. Carmel Middle School Principal Karl Pallastrini said one problem with such high scores is "where do you go from there? There's no place to go but down."

In results previously made public, last year's Carmel seniors scored in the 98th percentile in reading, 96th percentile in math, and 97th percentile in written language compared to all the schools in the state. They also ranked in the 90's compared to similar schools.

Biasotti said that he looks for trends in the test results, and the class itself can score differently from year to year.

"Classes are different and differences are maximized when you have a small student population taking the test," he said, adding that in a small school system like Carmel, results may fluctuate more than in larger schools.

Alys Bliesner and Steve Taylor, third grade teachers at River School, reported about the strategies they used last year to prepare their students for the CAP test.

Taylor said they developed a math curriculum to teach all the different math processes on the CAP test before the children had to take it in March and April. In previous years, he said the children may not have been taught all the processes before they were tested.

The teachers said they planned their language program the same way. They both used a booklet called, "Scoring High" which teaches skills children need to know to take tests.

"It acquaints kids with the format of tests and takes the panic and fear out of the CAP test," Bleisner said.

Biasotti said "Scoring High" teaches the student "test taking strategies they will use for the rest of their life."

Search on for Wildlife Land to Buy

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- Kahn Ranch, 690 acres, Hitchcock Canyon adjacent to deDampierre addition to Garland Park, no appraisal.
- Olaf Lang, 12 or 13 separate parcels containing about 700 acres, Rocky Creek off Palo Colorado Canyon and adjacent to the National Forest, no appraisal.
- "Rocky Shores" near Asilomar, owned by Paul Miller, site of proposed development of seven homes, no appraisal.

Mayor Flo Schaefer and councilman Bud Nunn of Pacific Grove appeared before the board to urge consideration of Rocky Shores, which they called environmentally sensitive and an interruption in a stretch of beach open to the public.

Noting that the Pacific Grove City Council had voted to spend $50,000 toward the purchase of the property, Schaefer said: "we could be like one of the other cities which is pushing shoreline development for the added tax base" it would provide.

Brian Steen, executive director of the Big Sur Land Trust, told the board that he thought Rocky Shores should be preserved, but that it should not be funded with wildlife habitat funds.

Agreeing with that position was Scott Hennessy, who said he represented a statewide coalition to protect mountain lion habitat. Hennessy also proposed that Monterra Ranch, located between Carmel Valley Road and Highway 68 near Highway 1 be added to the lists of properties under consideration.

Representing the Carmel Trails Association, Rod Mills suggested the district look at two parcels near Los Laureles Grade, 400 acres owned by the late Arch Fleming and the McDonald Ranch. He said acquisition of this property would allow a linkup of trails from Jacks Peak to Garland Park.

Joyce Stevens of Carmel proposed the acquisition of Fish Ranch, 5,000 acres just south of the Carmel River overlooking Highway 1. She called it "one of the most conspicuous areas around here."

Noel Mapstead of Carmel, a member of the Sierra Club and crusader against a proposed freeway through Hatton Canyon, suggested Hatton Canyon. He brought posters and presented slides, saying it was home to many important plants and animals, including mountains lions and deer.

"You may not have to pay a dime for it," he told the board, if Caltrans gives up on its plans for a freeway there. Mapstead also suggested that Mal Paso Canyon be placed on the park district's list.

Tom May of Carmel also suggested Hatton Canyon as well as property known as Valley Greens which lies between Brinton's and Carmel Middle School along Carmel Valley Road.

May suggested that 22 acres scheduled for development could be used for an off-site parking lot to reduce traffic in Carmel and along the Big Sur Coast. President Patricia Hutchins interrupted May to remind him that the Prop 117 money was supposed to be used for wildlife habitat.

As for Point Lobos Ranch, site of a planned $125 million commercial development, Tate said it already was rated high on the staff's list, but the property's owners have not been contacted about selling. "If they are willing sellers, it will be really high," Tate said.

He added that the park district "definitely would be interested if Hatton Canyon became surplus." But he added he felt sure the park district directors would not want to become embroiled in the controversy over the location of the freeway. "We've got enough controversy as it is," he said.

Tree Killers Failed

Friends of Carmel Forest say Carmel's would-be tree killers botched the job.

Two-thirds of a large Monterey cypress, adjacent to the beach and ocean at Scenic Road and Thirteenth Avenue, is still green four months after residents discovered the tree had been poisoned and deeply cut with a saw, according to Carmel City Forester Gary Kelly.

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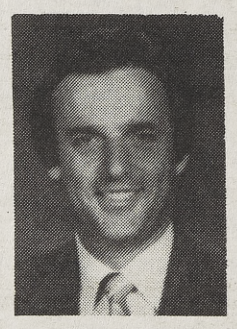

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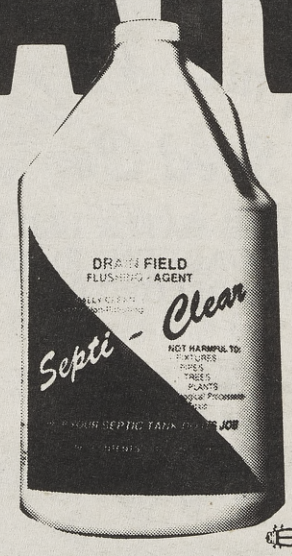

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Saddle Mountain Corrects Water Problems: Wong Is Satisfied

Owners of Saddle Mountain, a privately-owned recreation park on the south side of Mid Valley, have satisfied the Monterey County Health Department's concerns over various water problems.

Walter Wong, Director of the Department of Environmental Health, told the *Sun* the park had now obtained a permit for its water system, completed work on new rest rooms, put a lock on the gate to the swimming pool and removed some washing machines that were emptying into a septic system.

Wong said two of his staff inspected the site Nov. 28. In addition to correcting the problem areas, he said the owners had hired a firm to use metal detectors to try and determine if there are any buried gasoline tanks on the site, a concern raised some time ago.

The County Planning Department had warned the Gill Vista Land Corp. in a letter Oct. 3 that it would have "to actively pursue legal remedies" against Saddle Mountain unless the Health Department's issues were resolved. The letter from Zoning Administrator Dale Ellis was addressed to Marilyn Glover at Gill Vista in Campbell.

Asked about the status of his warning, Ellis said, "We feel we're making some progress. We haven't had recurring complaints about noise and lights."

Noting the Health Department's report, Ellis said building inspectors also had reported that the company was addressing other problems such as removal of tent cabin structures that had been built without permits on slopes over 30 percent.

"We're not completely satisifed," he added. "There are still some questions but they've made some progress."

The Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) complained to Ellis Sept. 28 about the park, charging it had more camping or recreational vehicle sites than allowed.

Roger D. Williams, chair of the CVPOA Land Use Committee, wrote that it was CVPOA's understanding Saddle Mountain had at least 20 more developed sites than the 50 allowed by its county use permit.

Although the owners had advised the Planning Department they would only use 50 spaces at any one time, Williams wrote, "The only effective, proper and fair course of action is to restore all but 50 of them to a natural, non-camping state."

According to Ellis when the new owners took over the park they installed barbecue pits and cleaned out some areas so that it looked like there were more than 50 camp sites.

"They gave us a plan that shows 50 sites, and it's a plan they work from. When we've asked about this, the number is consistently 50 so I'm almost convinced they recognize the number, and that they're going to have to live with it."

On another matter, Ellis wrote Gill Vista Oct. 3 advising that a permit was required for a planned "Western Day" event scheduled Oct. 7. In response, Gill Vista's legal representatives, McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen of Walnut Creek, said a use permit was unnecessary "in light of the existing permits and history of the site's use" and that it would be held as planned and advertised. The event was held as scheduled.

Census Bureau Sends Carmel A Form Letter: Wait till Spring

The U.S. Census Bureau has responded to Carmel's complaint that the 1990 census shortchanged the little city by about one-fifth of its population with—you guessed it—a form letter.

Mayor Jean Grace complained to the bureau, a division of the Commerce Department, early in September. She said the census found only 3,775 persons in the one-mile square city, down 932 from 1980.

As a result of the missing residents, Carmel stands to lose up to $73,000 in taxes returned to it from the state.

The census bureau told the city in September it would either recanvass or perform a clerical review. Its response is a masterpiece of obfuscation.

In a letter dated Nov. 19 the bureau told the mayor, among other things:

- We compared your estimates for census blocks to our most recent census counts to determine if the discrepancies had been resolved by recent census operations.
- Your letter raised some questions about the preliminary vacancy rate for your governmental unit...the vacancy rate was obtained by dividing the total number of housing units (both occupied and vacant) into the number of housing units enumerated as vacant.
- A habitable housing unit is vacant if no one is living there as of April 1, 1990, unless the occupants are only temporarily absent.
- Habitable housing units which are temporarily occupied on April 1, 1990 by persons who have a usual home elsewhere also are classified as vacant units.
- Because the status of each vacant housing unit has been independently verified, we cannot accept comments on the census vacancy rates.

And, what did all that mean? Well, there was no direct reference to Carmel, or its short count, or what had been found in either a recanvass or a "clerical review"

Instead, the government said, "Please be advised that the counts provided through the Local Review Program are considered preliminary results prepared as part of our field operations. The Census Bureau will issue final counts in the spring of 1991 after the census questionnaires have undergone further processing and review."

Gardeners Party Dec. 13

Members of the Carmel Valley Garden Association and their guests will hold their annual Christmas Party Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Los Laureles Lodge. For information, telephone Bob Annand at 659-2410.

Highlands/Bixby Approves Two New Houses on South Coast

The Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee unanimously approved plans for construction of two new houses Tuesday, one of them a unique house that will virtually be built into the ground high above Highway 1.

Meeting at sunset at the site just south of Garrapata Park above the Pacific Ocean, committee members said they were impressed with the design of the house by Terry Wilson of the George Brook-Kothlow and Associates firm in Carmel.

The 5,000-square foot house will be built for David and Nancy Cherney of Novato. Mrs. Cherney is a member of the Bibbero family which owns a large parcel of land north of her six-acre site.

The house will actually be built below ground level with skylights in the roof and three deeply inset windows open to decks with a 180-degree view of the coast. As explained to the committee, none of the house would be visible from the highway. The site is in the Big Sur Area Plan which prohibits construction in the coastal view shed.

The Cherneys said they planned to dig a well for the house, but if they did not find water they would get water from the Bibbero property well.

The committee recommendation is advisory in nature only. The plans now go to the County Planning Commission for approval. Highlands/Bixby members said they would express concern to the county about how some 7,000 yards of dirt excavated would be hauled from the site.

Also approved and applauded for its design was a 1920's style "arts and crafts" house house planned for the east side of Yankee Point Drive on a 17,800-square-foot lot owned by Peter Goldberg.

Committee member Barbara Rainer complimented the Eric Miller Architectural firm of Pacific Grove for setting the house far back from the road and saving the pine trees in front. The house will be 2,640 square feet plus a garage to be placed at the rear.

Larsen Watercolors At Sunset's Marjorie Evans Gallery

Local watercolorist Dorothea Larsen of Carmel will have a one-woman show at the Sunset Center Marjorie Evans Gallery in January.

The show will include portraits, local scenes and paintings done in Maui which she visits annually. A resident of Carmel for the past 20 years, Larsen has studied with Carmel's Nancy Johnson and Anita deCarlo and James Soares of Reedley.

"Almost anybody, any age, makes a good subject, adults and children alike, " Larsen says of her portraits. She has won awards at the Monterey County Fair, Santa Cruz and the Annual Maui Fair.

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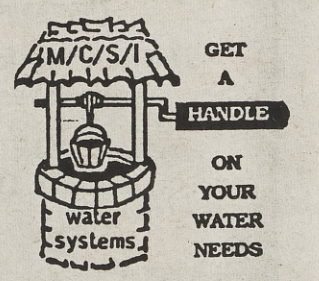

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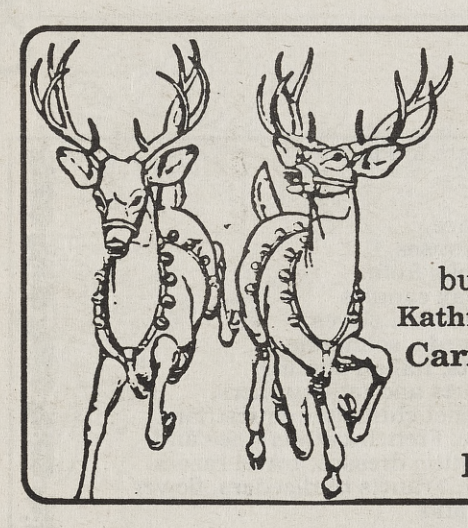

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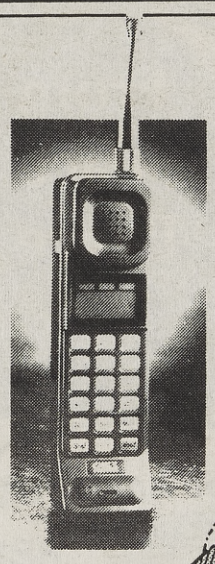

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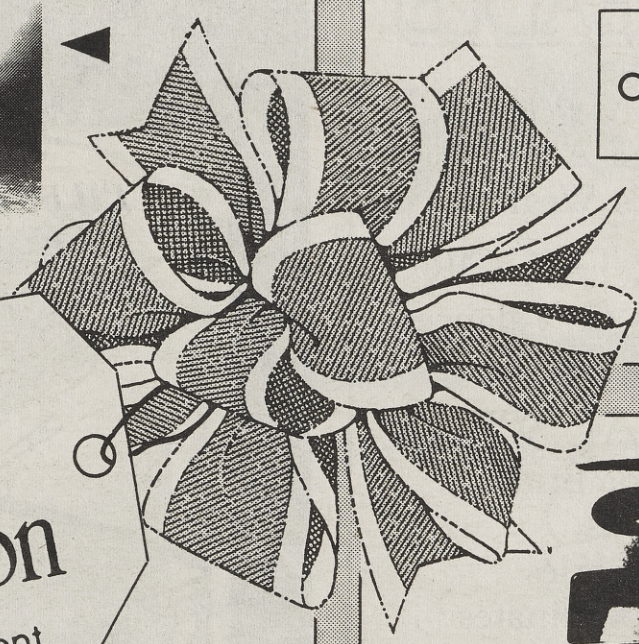

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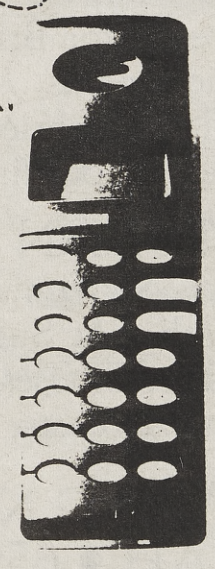

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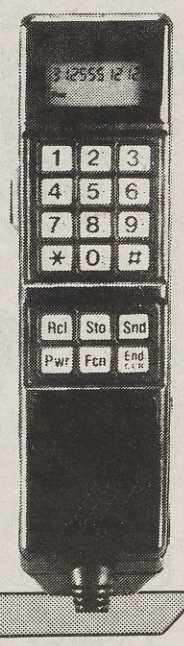

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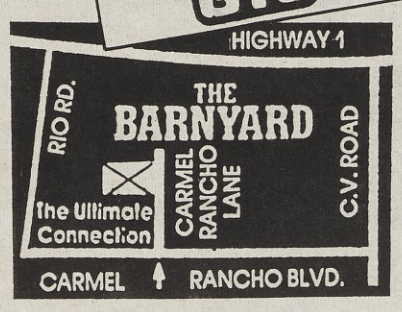

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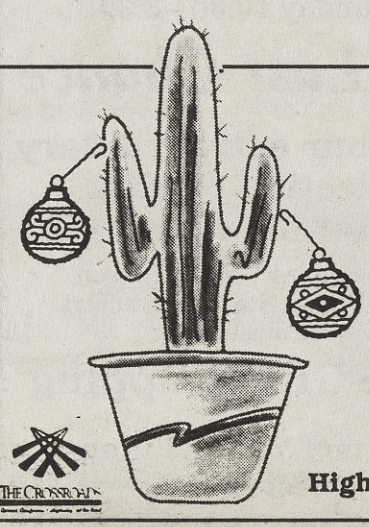

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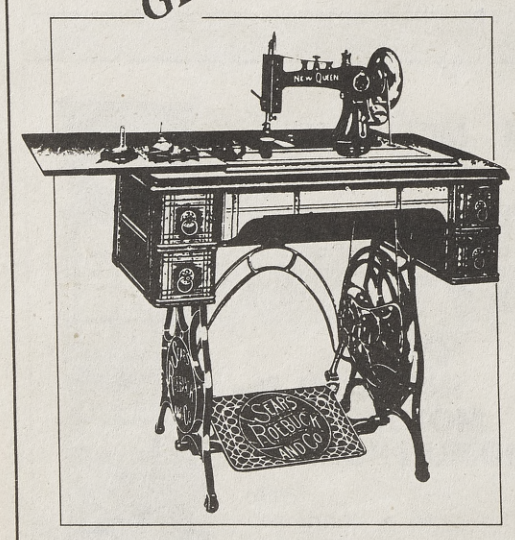

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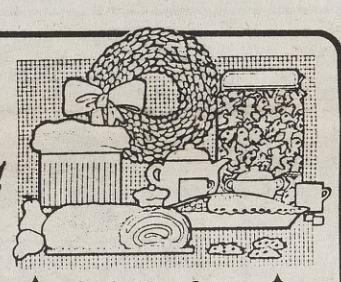

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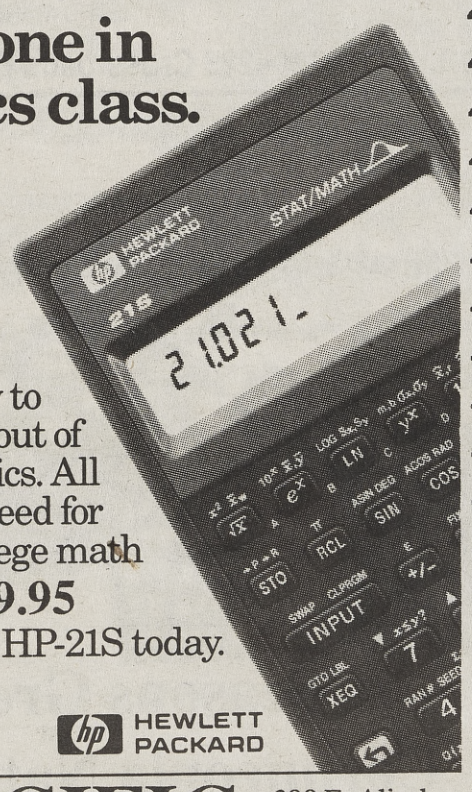

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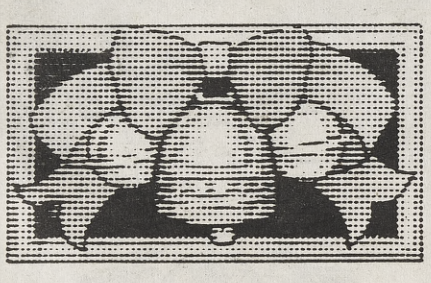

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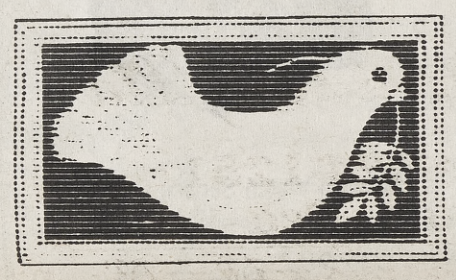

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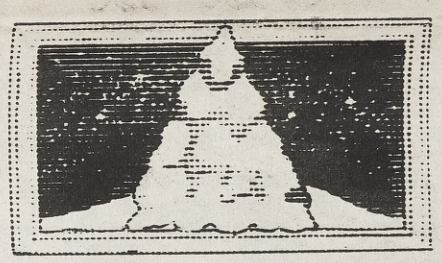

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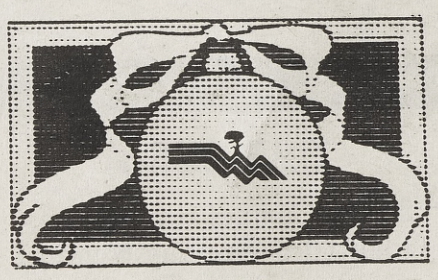

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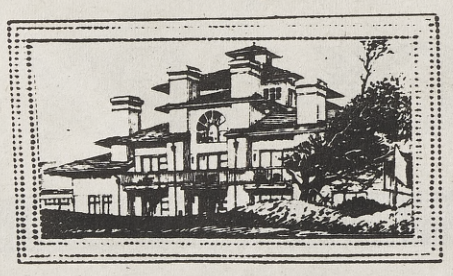

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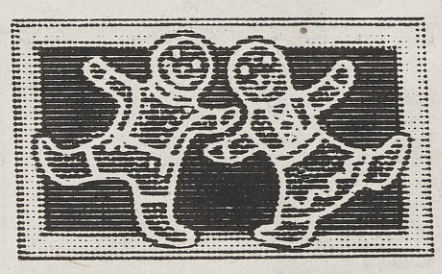

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CHEF'S CORNER

Landlocked Iowa Chef Serves California Fare

Born and bred in Iowa, David Beckwith has taken his heritage of cooking from Florida through the midwest, north to Chicago, and west to California where it all blends into the tasty melange he serves up at Central 159.

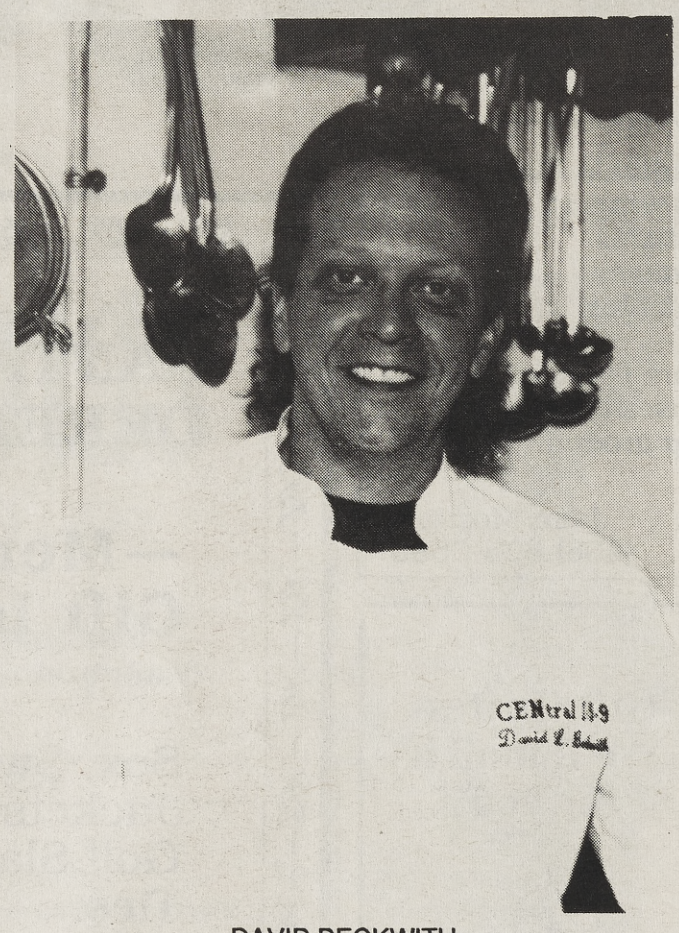
"I think I take an Iowa sensibility and apply it to a variety of California produce," he says.

"I was landlocked," Beckwith said of his early days whereas now he lives and works by the ocean in the midst of a plentiful supply of fresh fish.

His recipe for chili and cornmeal breading for fish is perfect for catfish which Beckwith recalls from "great little Friday night fish fries on Wapsui River, a weird little river that runs off the Missippippi." Here, he also uses it to bread red snapper and trout.

Some of his cooking shows the inspiration of his mother and grandmother who came from Florida. He translates their Down South meat pie into a pan stew, for example, while his ribs and coleslaw also reflect the southeastern heritage.

"I come from a large family," he explained. "When you're cooking for 10 every day on a limited budget, you get pretty creative."



DAVID BECKWITH

As sous chef at the posh Pump Room in Chicago's Ambassador Hotel, he did classic French food. As executive chef at MacArthur Park, he served food from the smoker grill and pecan pie.

His menu at Central 159 in Pacific Grove reflects his varied background and experience with some Oriental, Italian, Southern, Calfironia and "straight-ahead American" dishes, he says.

Beckwith has remodeled the California-style bungalow into an inviting restaurant of three small rooms, two of which have views of Monterey Bay. A gleaming mahogany bar decorates one of the rooms.

David Beckwith's Chili and Cornmeal Breading for Fish
Central 1-5-9

Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Original Serving Size: 4

Ingredients:

2 cups yellow cornmeal
1 cup all purpose flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp black pepper
1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
1/4 cup dark chili powder
1/4 cup light chili powder
2 cups buttermilk
1 whole egg, beaten
1/4 cup olive or peanut oil

In a medium mixing bowl, combine all dry ingredients for breading. Sift together with hands. In a separate shallow pan, combine egg and buttermilk.

In a large cast iron skillet, heat oil until it pops. Take desired fish and dip it in the milk and egg batter. Next dip the fish in the cornmeal mixture. Place flesh side down in the pan. Cook approximately 3-5 minutes. Turn. Reduce heat to better control cooking. Remove from pan and serve with condiment of your choice.

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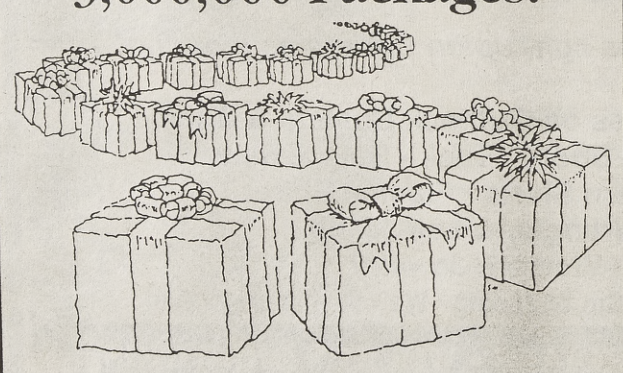

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Lyceum Offers Education Schools Usually Bypass

By Carolyn Rice

You'd expect the Carmel Valley Manor woodworking shop to be a quiet retreat. After all, the Manor is a retirement community. But it was noisy the other day.

Sounds of hammering, filing, and drilling filled the air—combined with chattering old and young voices. Manor residents were working with youngsters from the Lyceum of the Monterey County making foot stools and cookbook holders.

"What am I doing here? What have I done to deserve this?" asked Ralph Hagen who was obviously enjoying working with a 9-year-old-boy. Hagen, a Manor newcomer, recently moved from Honolulu where he had a 30-year-career as an electrical engineer and lawyer.

"It's a lot of fun with the kids. They are so energetic and willing to learn," he commented seriously. "It's a very pleasant experience for me."

A group of six men and three women worked side-by-side with 12 children. "Don't plane the end cuts," Lyman Fowler warned two boys he was helping. "It will rough up the wood." His wife, Theo, came to the class with cookies and lemonade for all.

A retired teacher, she had made nametags for the children to wear on their backs for easy identification as they leaned over their projects.

Betty Rowe, a Lyceum board member and Manor resident, helped coordinate the class. "There's such a resource in this age group," she said of her fellow Manor residents, "when they are healthy and happy like this bunch is."

She went on to say that the "love of grandparents is often missing for children because families don't live near each other." She said she also believes that "kids need to learn from other generations, and parents are often busy with work. This kind of inter-generational contact is needed in the American scene."

Ann Malokas, office manager for the Lyceum, said that between 200 and 300 children take part in Lyceum classes during each of the three sessions, held in fall, spring and summer.

The Lyceum is run by a private, non-profit group to provide classes in the humanities, science and art taught by experts from the community. For the most part, the classes offer material that schools would not teach.

"Kids who don't thrive in a regular classroom may find something that interests them," Molakas said. "We ask for motivated and talented students." She added that those who enroll do not need to be gifted but must be interested.

The class instructors are volunteers from the community who have special experience and expertise. Manor residents, for instance, also have taught weaving, baking and citizenship in the past.

Lyceum Classes

A sampling of upcoming classes being offered by the Lyceum of Monterey Peninsula:

Middle and High School

Volunteer Fire Fighting, Mid Valley fire station, Dec. 8 and 15.

Animal Care and Veterinary Medicine, Animal Hospital at the Crossroads, Dec. 5, 12 and 19.

What? Me Study? Los Arboles Middle School, Marina, Jan. 8 and 10.

Calligraphy, Ord Terrace School, Seaside, Jan.. 8, 15 and 22.

Brain and Behavior, San Benancio School, Salinas, Jan. 23 and 30.

Elementary School

Animal Care, Animal Hospital at the Crossroads, Jan. 9, 16 and 23.

Tidepool Adventures, Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, Jan. 12 and Feb. 2.

Yamaha Music Land, Sunset Cultural Center, Carmel, Jan. 17, 24 and 31.

A Whale of a Time, Carmelo School, Carmel, Jan. 18 and 19.

MANOR RESIDENTS Bill Stanley and Marion and Carroll Petersen confer with Todd Kastyshak, 9, of Pacific Grove about what color he wants to stain his foot stool. *Sun photo. by Carolyn Rice*

At the Manor, three couples rescued the Manor woodworking shop about four years ago. "It was a mess," said Marion Petersen. She and her husband, Carroll, along with Bill and Marie Stanley and the Fowlers, cleaned it up, added some equipment and had an open house for other Manor residents.

Since then about eight regulars have been busy pursuing their hobbies in the shop, each sporting a denim apron with his name stitched on it.

The Lyceum class, which met twice at the Manor shop, started with Mrs. Fowler talking about safety. Bill Stanley said that the men had cut the wood for the projects, not wanting the 9-year olds working with power saws.

But from there on, the children were on their own, nailing, drilling, filing and staining to complete their projects. The instructors were at their side offering comments like, "that's the way," "now you've got it," and "good job."

Other recent Lyceum courses included a visit to the air control tower at the airport, making African masks and gingerbread houses and a session on driving under the influence at the Salinas police department for older elementary students.

"This session was really popular and ended with all the kids getting mug shots of themselves," Malokas said.

Lyceum courses range in price depending on content and the materials that are used. They are open to children from kindergarten to twelfth grade in age.

"Scholarships are available," said Malokas who said the Lyceum hopes to reach all interested students throughout the community.

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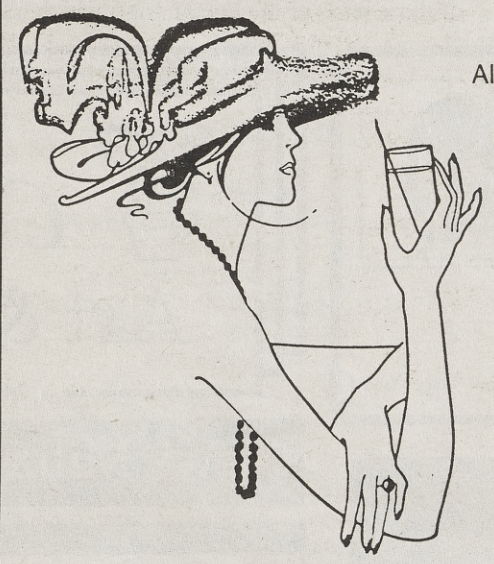

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By Anita DeCarlo

Dennis High at the Pacific Grove Art Center

Dennis High is not only an accomplished photographer, holding two degrees in that discipline, he is an artist of sophisticated vision. The two don't always go together. This is an exhibit of large photographic paintings in which the oil has been applied directly to the surface of the photographs. This in itself is not unusual. Early photographs were hand colored; in recent times many attempt to bypass the inability to draw by using the camera to do that for them.

But this exhibit is neither. Dennis High marries the best of both media. As with any truly creative person, results are both an end result and a step on a continuum. In the process of exploring the range of possibilities of the photograph, he changed initial images in the dark room toning area directly on the print to enhance his emotional response to subject matter. Why not paint? His need to create on a larger scale also made this a logical step in the creative process. The larger scale gave access to the actual physical presence he wanted to be a part of the image. It shows the texture of vigorous brushwork and more space than a static photograph could give him. These large pieces are vigorous, spacious and aesthetically successful.

The David Henry Gill Gallery at the Pacific Grove Art Center is a wonderful room for large art. There is nothing to compete with the presence of each piece; there is breathing room to absorb it all. I suggest you stand in the middle of the room and get a feel for the body of work before coming to terms with each piece. As a body of work, it has the feel of surrealism which inspired English artist Francis Bacon to his own personal mythical figures and emotional metamorphoses of human form; individually, the photographs are marvelous steps in the process of that evolution.

High did not title his works and I don;'t think they need it. A title tacked on to any expressive work can intrude on its existence in its own right. A title stacks the deck. The pieces on the first wall ease us into High's process, appearing to be more photograph than paint. Not so, it is a real interdependency of the two. The first is not about a blossom, but the space it lives in. He has enhanced the drama of the photographically established values with paint, allowing the paint to create an atmospheric perspective that the camera could not.

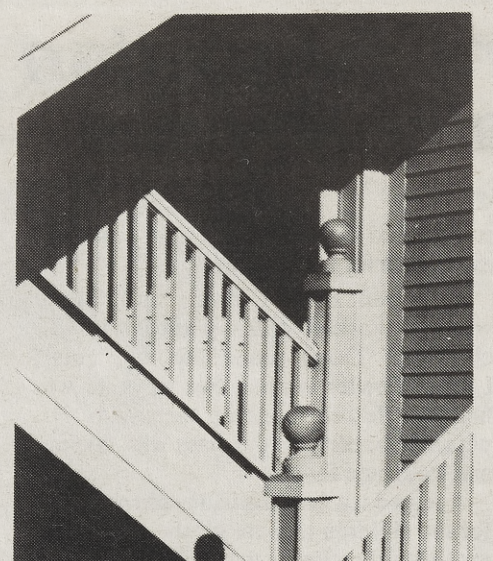
I have spent a lot of words on "color for space," the fact that color is light and when light changes, necessarily the color does. Color has an emotive life as well. Management will paint employee work rooms a light blue to get the most productive work; hospitals are pale green but it is also reputed that green will make a man confess under interrogation and that pink will make a strong man weak. Someone like Van Gogh whose emotional life was so close to the surface created emotive paintings that were brilliant statements of color for space.

High has two objectives, emotion and space. He uses color as an emotive tool; he uses values and atmospheric perspective for space. There is an almost dizzying sense of space in these first two florals, but the size and the pink give them a surreal sensuosity.

There is a new dimension in the third one—motion. In addition to the use of dramatic values and atmospheric application of paint, he actually builds up the goldleaf in the mask into a literal relief for a highly effective feeling of the gold mask springing forward. This, coupled with the out-of-focus image of two pairs of arms and hands floating the below the mask, creates mobility.

The last one on this wall is another floral and another exemplary use of paint for atmospheric effect. Notice how he uses the paint here to "lose" the stem, and how the upper bud moves away, the lower comes to us, and both are soft in contrast to the open blossom. The blossom is crystal clear, its velvety textured petals invited touch, its tendrils curl forward.

On the far wall the three figural pieces appear far more painterly, as if he's moved farther in process from the photographic image. However, the clarity of those parts of the human form which he



"ANDERSON HOUSE" by J. Cordova Manzi is one of the photographs on display at the annual Members' Exhibit at the Photographic Center of Monterey Peninsula, Sunset Center, Carmel.

has selected to remain unpainted are well chosen for a heightened emotional response. They would not have this carnality if the whole figure were so stated. These more than any others here call up Francis Bacon's powerful paintings although High's methods are very much his own. The figures are bodies without heads. They are blunt and bludgeoned, saccharine blue and blood red, war-torn landscapes in which remnants of undamaged beauty tease pleasant fantasies.

But which is real? These three pieces are very successful complements of emotive motivation and aesthetic means whatever the medium. The composition and space are more painterly, there is control of the close range of space the figure exists in, the larger divisions of the rectangle, and the play between the dramatic values and the carnal drama of color.

Now, flowers again, but they have become more consciously emotive. Is it just the kind of flower? He has composed petals of jagged shapes and corresponding jagged negatives. There isn't the zooming space of the other florals, but a subtle space. The flowers are pushed away by the twisted leaf and float on the surface. I like this aesthetic tension enhanced by the subtlety of colors that are subdued and close in tone— a gold gray negative, a brown-gray leaf, a watery blue stem.

There are two paintings of figures, perhaps relatives in concept to the first figure with the gold mask, but in hiding the faces behind masks, High is really making the same kind of statement as with the three headless bodies. Again, there is a mobile feeling in this masked figure. The masked head lifts, the hair swings in and out of focus, the body swivels to us through very knowledgeable handling of paint, texture and image.

A masked woman appears more photo than paint. Appears. It isn't important that each may be more one than the other, it is his amazing use of the properties of paint and photo. In each picture, whatever the proportion of one or the other it is the correct amount for the statement he is making with each and his weaving of the two is masterful. For instance, this appears to be more of a photograph but without his subtle use of color, and knowledge of the spatial change by the temperature of the color, he would not have achieved the manipulation of our sensibilities that he did with the familiar body and the incongruous alien mask. The sensuous breasts rise into a red flush that lifts the bizarre masked face away, literally and psychologically. They are rejoined by the glittering shawl that encompasses both. The cold pink color around the figure floats into the distance.

Another flower picture exists in shallow space like the first one in the series, but the first is a picture of tension and this is one of serenity.

The last two are paintings of figures. One is a classic figure whose face is lost in a fencer's mask; the second is very Baconesque with the butchered feel of only part of the figure. It is the most painterly of all and the most abstract in its use of paint, shape and texture.

Each of these pieces uses the exposed photographic edge of the print as a deliberate part of the picture creating both a raised frame feeling for what's within and a reminder, lest we forget in the passion of the paint, that these are photographs, too.

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By Barbara Rose Shuler

It really is a family affair, the BARBS—though surely, too, an evening of entertainment that would enthrall a stranger who happened on it. It is the night when the Monterey County theater community recognizes excellence during the year in performance, production and direction.

Everyone involved—from theater administrators, to actors, to the press which covers the shows—dresses gaily, socializes and applauds vigorously. Each year the show itself becomes noticeably tighter, more polished and more enjoyable—and Monday evening's offering was no exception.

BARBS—The Benefits and Artists Recognition Banquet—began with the traditional reception and dinner. That was followed by the program of short, select scenes from productions of the past year.

Producers Chuck Thurman, president of the Monterey County Theater Alliance, and Director Stephen Moorer pleased their critical audience with brisk pacing, variety, skill and good humor. Hosts for the program were the cast of "Tomfoolery" from the popular Grovemont production featuring the musical satire of Tom Lehrer. With Jim Sutty in the lead, Kelly Alexander, Kevin Hanstick and Eleanor Wylde were expert emcees, weaving in tunes from "Tomfoolery" with their own material. It was crisp, clean workmanship.

The 1990 BARBS were dedicated to two members of the Monterey Peninsula theater community who died during the past year. Honored for "their devotion to local theater and for inspiring others in our art "were Max Robert, the Emmy-winning theater artist who co-founded Unicorn Theater Presents in the area, and actor/director Tommy Bates, a West Point graduate who was listed as a recent casualty of Operation Desert Shield in Saudi Arabia.

A stranger attending BARBS would no doubt sense the community, the jollity of the crowd and would be impressed with the performances.

Denise Terrazus sang a smashing number from The New Wharf Theater production of "Cabaret" as sizzling Sally Boles. Larry Welch and Blase Mills did a choice scene from the MPC production of "Educating Rita." Richard Barratt and Russ Linch portrayed a drunkard and a temperance man in an uncharacteristically solemn scene from the California First Theater production of "The Drunkard."

Susan Tiller received a standing ovation for her rendering of "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" from "Evita," another MPC production. A scene from "Tartuffe" by the Staff Players Repertory Company displayed masterful acting by Norman Stottmeister in the title role, supported by Maryann Schaupp. Scenes from the Forest Theater Guild's "Fiddler on the Roof" and the finale from "The Music Master," a Monterey Opera Association performance concluded the program.

It was an intimate, delightful sample of the work and people of the local theater community. You might want to make a note to plan to go when the BARBS play again next year.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" provides another scrumptious treat for the holidays. The Staff Players Repertory Company offers this favorite during the month of December, the second play of their 20th season. Directed by Philip Clarkson, it contains an intriguing range of talent from quite inexperienced to highly professional. It makes it uneven but fascinating.

You have heard the phrase, "there are no small actors, only small parts." In this production, you will find a perfect demonstration of this in two splendid walk-on portrayals by Lon Perry. He plays both butlers, showcasing his skill as a consummate, seasoned performer.

THE ART OF SEEING

"Photography is a way of touching, of opening the pores of your body to feel what you see," says photographer/philosopher William Giles.

A passionate, dedicated man, Giles compels people to see with fresh vision. For him, light is the magician; the language of light, the language of photography. He has learned that light and thought are synonymous and that with thought comes the vision to see.

He ardently wants to share his art of seeing with anyone who can look and listen. Giles' photographic images contain vital, penetrating power. They galvanize with beauty, bleakness and authority. He creates images you won't forget.

An unusual multimedia experience called "The Art of William Giles" takes place Friday at the Hidden Valley Theater in Carmel Valley Village. Giles' photographic performance is the sixth in a fascinating series of Friday evening musical events at Hidden Valley. So far, the series has featured Latin/jazz, folk music, gospel singing, a flute and a piano duo, harpist and jazz piano. All have been high caliber performances.

"The Art of William Giles" features several works including his "Tar Landscapes," "The American Healing Wall," images from his Cretan series, his recent "manipulated Polaroids" and others. A 14-minute slide show accompanied by an exquisite musical work by West Coast composer Raphael will surely be the highlight of the evening. Don't forget—Friday evening at Hidden Valley.

CARMEL VALLEY VILLAGE artist William Giles relaxing outside his gallery with his cat, Sybil. He will appear at Hidden Valley Friday night. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

Airport Celebrates Christmas

The Monterey Peninsula Airport will kick off its second annual Christmas Week at the Airport Sunday with tree-trimming, the arrival of Santa Claus and a Holiday Festival Art Auction featuring the work of local artists for United Way. Among the artists contributing works are watercolorists Ron Bean and Anne Rizzo of Carmel Valley Village.

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MARY JANE EBRIGHT

Mary Jane Ebright of San Carlos, California, passed through on November 23, 1990, after a nine-month illness with cancer.

Her humor, vitality, optimism and strength were an inspiration to all who knew her. She leaves a legacy of a terrific life filled with wonderful friends and family, including a son, Ty Ebright of Carmel, and daughter, Kathleen Ebright Tarp of Carmel Valley. Mary Jane was at home with her children at the moment of her death.

Mary Jane also leaves a step daughter, Judith Hurst Sadlier of Florida, and grandchildren Ami, Hilary, Elissa and Paul, all of Carmel and Carmel Valley.

At Mary Jane's request no memorial services will be held; however, it is desired by Mary Jane and the family that all her friends lift their glasses at 5:00 p.m. today and toast her memory. Mary Jane has rung the silver bell to say goodbye and get on to the next big party. Donations will lovingly be accepted by the American Cancer Society.

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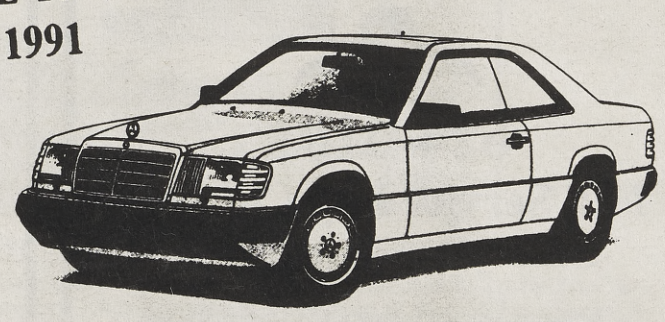

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OUT AND ABOUT

By Stan Hall

It's a marvelous age we live in. Not only can we see television newscasts live and direct every evening from where we're threatening to go to war, many of the reports are delivered by our very own anchormen.

There they are, resplendent in their trenchcoats in the hostile sands of the desert. With a backdrop of hovering helicopters and silhouetted soldiers, they bring us the latest events. Their collars turned up and their belts jauntily looped, they brave the dangers of the front to bring us news of the gathering crisis.

Never mind that it's 102 degrees in the desert, or that they would have access to far more and better information from their regular newsrooms in New York or Washington. Never mind that the regular reporters there know a hell of a lot more about things than the hotshots who fly in, do a newscast and fly on to some other exotic location for the next one.

It's style not substance that takes them there. We're getting the sizzle, not the steak—complete with trenchcoats to tell us that they're foreign correspondents now.

For television, the real war is being fought out in the living rooms of America, and with the threat of war in the Gulf creating more potential viewers, the name of the game is ratings. Not that ratings are only lately important. They've long driven all TV programming, determining how much stations can charge for advertising on the various programs.

In one sense, you could say television's rating system is very democratic. It ensures that the viewing public gets what the majority wants. If a program doesn't attract enough viewers, it is zapped, or at least changed to try to make it more attractive.

I fervently believe in a free economic market—as unruly and irrational as it can sometimes be. I believe in it because no bureaucracy, no group of people—no matter how smart—can decide what's best for all of us. Besides, the free market is the only economic system that is truly compatible with our free democratic system.

You could argue that TV's rating system is just an extension of the free market. If ratings—and their effect on programming—were confined to soap operas, situation comedies, detective yarns, sports and all those idiotic talk shows, I wouldn't have any problem with that.

But news is different. It's not entertainment. It's not supposed to be. It's the information that citizens need to make decisions in their own best interests—whether it's choosing a political candidate, picking a stock to buy or selecting a new car. When you put all these collective decisions together, they determine who is going to govern and which companies and products are going to succeed.

Tailoring the news to give people just what they want to hear—rather than what they need to hear—is like letting young children vote whether to have ice cream and candy or chicken and spinach for dinner. Similarly, even the most open free-market economy has limits on it; you're not supposed to be able to sell dangerous products or illegal drugs, for instance—no matter how much some people may want them.

Jefferson said if he had a choice of having only a government or only a free press, he'd take a free press.

You've heard the expression "garbage-in, garbage-out." It simply means that if you put bad data in a computer, you're going to get the wrong answers. When the news media fail to provide full, accurate information, people run the risk of making garbage decisions.

The tragedy of television is not that two-thirds of all Americans say they depend on it solely or mainly for most of their news. The tragedy is that TV is not doing its job gathering and reporting news. It is edging closer and closer toward turning news into entertainment—reality into something more savory or more titilating, something that will sell more toothpaste or beer.

I believe TV is abrogating its responsibility.

Bankers and lawyers often say they have a fudiciary responsibility to look after your financial affairs responsibly. Doctors take the Hypocratic Oath to be responsible for your health. Preachers say they have a theological responsibility to look after your soul.

Well, I was taught and have long believed that people who go into news—whether it's at a TV network or even a small paper like the *Sun*—take on a special responsibility, too. It's to provide information that is important for people to know so they can plan their own affairs and help run their goverments on an informed basis. It's a responsibility to provide relevant information as fairly and as accurately as humanly possible.

Nowhere in the code of journalistic ethics that I was taught does it say that it's all right to tailor the stories that you report and write to ensure that your station or your paper makes the most money or to make you personally popular.

Nowhere does it condone "tweaking" the facts to make stories more exciting or interesting. Yet, television news executives have stoutly defended a new practice that they've begun recently of "recreating" news with actors on a stage and showing the film on newscasts. Surely, common sense will prevail, and this technique will be permanently banned. Television is too powerful for it not to be.

At it s best, television news can work magic. No other media can touch it. It can bring the brutality of war into you life with everything but the acrid smell of the gunpowder. It can touch your soul with the simple ritual of John Kennedy's funeral. Nothing can take you to the moon for Neil Armstrong's "one giant step for mankind" like the unblinking eye of the video camera, or capture the power and drama of Martin Luther King's speech "I have a dream..."

Where television fails us is in reporting the hard, everyday nitty gritty—news that's critical for us to know, but not glamorous, not exciting and not easy to illustrate with captivating film. Network and local, TV either fails to cover it or does so by pandering to the lowest common denominator. Nearly always superficial and often silly, TV's coverage is dangerous because it makes less sophisticated viewers think they understand an issue and know what's going on when they really don't.

TV has managed to trivialize the whole process of gathering and reporting much of the news. If you think I'm exaggerating, just think about the last economic story that you saw reported on TV.

The founding fathers understood the importance of accurate, reliable news in a free society. If they hadn't, they surely would not have provided the special protection for "the press" that they did in the First Amendment.

Thomas Jefferson felt so strongly that he said if he were given the choice of only having a government or only having a free press, he would take a free press.

If the founding fathers could have foreseen television and the way it is now being used to manipulate the news to win larger audiences, I wonder if they would have given TV the First Amendment protection it enjoys?

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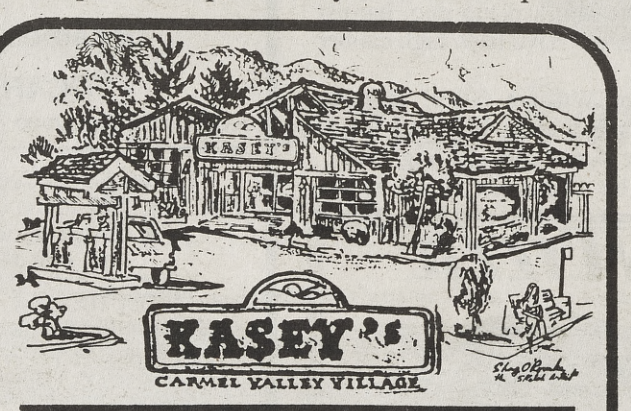

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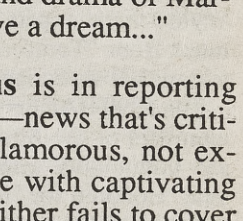

It's always been a given that itemizing will save on taxes and, indeed, if your deductions are considerable, it's still a good idea. But the increase in the standard deduction may make those on the borderline think twice.

Standard deduction for 1990 is $5,450 on a joint return, $3,250 for singles, and $4,750 for heads of household. (For next year, we can expect the figures will be indexed upwards again.) Those who are 65 before the end of the year may deduct another $800 if single, or $1,300 for married couples who are both over that age or blind.

It's a good idea to do the necessary arithmetic (or get professional help) to figure out the better course. It's not too late to decide to take the standard deduction, postpone deductible payments like taxes and dues, and plan to itemize next year. Conversely, if earnings are expected to decline next year, it might be more advantageous to itemize now and take the standard deduction in 1991.

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REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK

Design Review, The Process, and You

By Carla Belgrano Ramsey, Chairman
Planning Commission, Carmel-by-the-Sea

You're ready to build or remodel your dream home in Carmel-by-the-Sea and you've heard horrific tales of the hassle, frustration, and expense you'll have to go through. What can you do to prevent this? Move? No need, if you take a few minutes to understand the process.

Let's start out with what you don't want to do: circumvent the process. This will only cause you wasted time, money and an abundance of irritations. So, before you begin your design, spend a little time to familiarize yourself with the process.

Pick up up an *Interim Guidelines for Single Family Residence* booklet from the Planning Department at City Hall (Monte Verde off Ocean) and study it. If you have questions, call the department and ask (624-6835). Attend a couple of Planning Commission meetings and a Design Review meeting to learn first-hand the commission's work. Listen to how they handle complaints and/or suggestions after the public hearing on a pending design.

These simple steps alone could help alert you to potential red flags which could hold up your project.

The Design Review Process involves four basic steps: Preliminary Review, Design Review Committee, Public Notice and Planning Commission Hearing.

Implicit in Preliminary Review is scheduling an informal meeting with city staff early on to review zoning and requirements particular to your site. Your application form is completed, your fee is paid, and you provide two copies of a preliminary site plan.

Within 30 days of submittal of your application, staff must review your application and send you a letter indicating any discrepancies with zoning, asking for additional information if necessary, giving you the date of the Design Review Committee meetings and the City contact person for your project.

At least five days prior to the Design Review Committee meeting (three of the seven members of the Planning Commission comprise the committee), you will be sent a copy of the meeting agenda. These meetings are publicly noticed and open to the public. They are held at City Hall, usually on a Wednesday afternoon. At this time, committee members will first briefly consider your design plans, tour your site, and then return to City Hall for a more detailed review of your plans. The Design Review committee provides you with guidance and suggestions in an informal setting. Its deliberations are neither conclusive nor binding on the Planning Commission.

The City staff will post a notice on your site within 30 days of receiving your application indicating a design study is pending. The sooner you informally notify neighbors of your proposal and resolve legitimate neighborhood concerns, the more time you'll save.

You'll be sent a letter informing you of public notice requirements within three weeks of the Planning Commission public hearing indicating your responsibility for sending a copy of the printed public notice to all adjoining property owners and adjacent occupants. The City will provide you with a copy of the notice, names and addresses and will publish a legal notice in the newspaper and also post one at City Hall, the Post Office and Harrison Memorial Library.

Once your application is deemed complete by the staff, you're ready for the final step in the process—the Planning Commission hearing.

You'll receive a copy of the meeting agenda and the staff's written report on your project within five days of the Planning Commission a public hearing. On the day of your public hearing, your project materials will be posted on the wall in City Council Chambers.

CARLA BELGRANO RAMSEY

The Planning Commission will tour your site before conducting the public hearing after which your application may be approved, denied, or requested to be modified with additional information required. If the request is minor, the public hearing and consideration of your design application will be continued to a future Planning Commission meeting. If the changes requested are major, you will be asked to resubmit or you may be referred back to the Design Review Committee. Should this happen, new public notices will be made and mailed announcing the new Planning Commission hearing date. You'll receive written notification of the Planning Commission decision after the public hearing.

If this decision is final, you'll receive a copy of the decision and conditions. You have the right to appeal the Planning Commission decision to the City Council within five days of that decision and your appeal will be scheduled for the next available City Council meeting.

Congratulations! You've completed the process and come through unscathed. What's more, you've shared in the opportunity to join the city and its public servants in maintaining and encouraging those residential qualities that contribute to the unique character of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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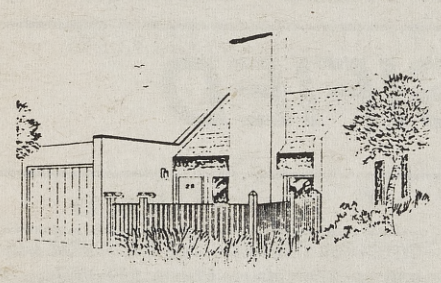

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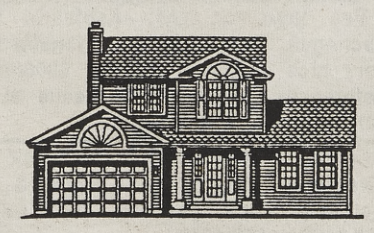

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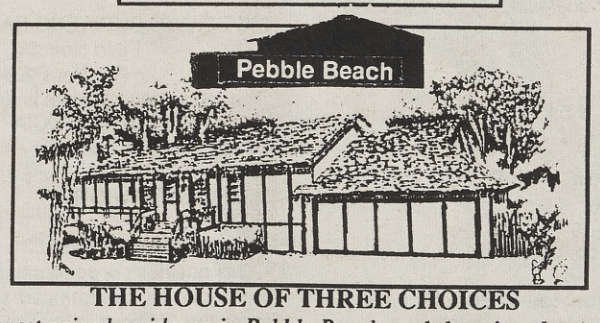

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Joan L. Siebert-Brunn has been named a vice president and managing officer of **First National Bank of Montery County's** new branch at the mouth of Carmel Valley. With over 23 years experience and a degree from SMU, she formerly was manager of **Security Pacific Bank's Monterey** office. The new branch office, located in the Carmel Rancho shopping center space formely occupied by **Stanley Appliance,** is scheduled to open in mid-1991.

More than 400 Realtors and their guests are expected to attend a dinner dance Saturday marking the installation of officers for the Carmel and Monterey Peninsula Board of Realtors.

Top leadership of the California Association of Realtors will be on hand to help install **L. H. (Buck) Bemis of Cornish & Carey** as president of the Carmel board for 1991 and **Steven Marino of By the Bay Realty** as head of the Monterey Peninsula board.

Other new officers of the Carmel board are **Norma D'Isidoro, Del Monte Realty**, president-elect; **R. J. Strong, Coldwell Banker,** secretary-treasurer; and directors **Lee Canonico, Pamela de Leon, George Fusco, Charles MacLaughlin, Joseph Rousso, Stephen Poohar, Maria Wahl and Robert Wolovsky.**

Bemis succeeds **Fusco of Del Monte Realty** as head of the Carmel Realtors.

Burney Threadgill, Jr., of Carmel has been named development officer for **First National Bank of Monterey County.**

Income tax classes taught by the **IRS** and state **Franchise Tax Board** for

Realtors Sponsor Candy Cane Project

The Carmel Board of Realtors is holding its ninth annual Christmas Candy Cane Project, a drive to obtain inexpensive Chjristmas gifts for senior citizens and battered women and their children.

Benficiaries of the project are senior citizens at the Carmel Foundation and the YWCA's Emergency Shelter for Battered Women and their Children. Realtor Susan Silver of Porter-Marquard in Carmel Valley Village is chair of the project.

Festive baskets of peppermint candy canes are placed in the lobbies of nine Carmel-area banks next to their Christmas trees. Each cane has a tag suggesting a present to buy for $5 or under. The bank customer buys and wraps the present and brings it to the bank to be placed under the tree.

Participating banks are: Coast Savings, Carmel, Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach branches; First Interstate Bank, Carmel and Carmel Rancho branches; Great Western Savings, Carmel and Carmel Rancho branches; Pacific Western Bank, Carmel; and Security Pacific Bank, Carmel.

Some of the gifts suggested for seniors are coffee mugs, stamps, stationery, jams and jellies while gifts for women and children, who often have to flee their homes, could be cosmetics toilet articles and toys.

"I can't begin to tell you what this project means to the two organizations we serve," said Carol Winningham, last year's co-chair.

The presents will be collected Dec. 21.

volunteers willing to assist the elderly with their taxes have been scheduled by the **Alliance on Aging.** They will be held Jan. 7-11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hilltop Community Center in Monterey. For information, call 646-4636.

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Filed Dec. 4, 1990
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This business is conducted by a general partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 1, 1978.
(s) Robert Bindel

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137 Ford Road C-1
Carmel Valley, Ca 93924
KEITH WIGHTMAN
137 Ford Road C-1
Carmel Valley, Ca 93924

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File No. F901866

The following individual is doing business as:
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(s)Carmel/Carmel Valley/Big Sur Ambulance Authority
Larry Busick, Pres.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed Nov. 20, 1990
File No. F901933

The following individual is doing business as:
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(s)Charles H. Norman

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed Oct. 29, 1990
File No.F901808

The following individual is doing business as:
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This business is conducted by a husband and wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Oct. 29, 1990
(s) Jerry G. Diaz

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File No. F901938

The following individual is doing business as:
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This business is conducted by husband and wife.
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(s)Sharon L. Holtz-Lee

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed Nov. 30, 1990
File No. F901983

The following individual is doing business as:
ACUPUNCTURE ASSOCIATES
467 Alvarado St. Suite 39
Monterey CA 93940
PAMELA CRAWFORD
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This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 15, 1990
(s) Pamela Crawford

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Carmel Crows a Bit

Carmel City Administrator Doug Schmitz is crowing a bit. Thus far this year, the city has been able to stay within its $8 million fiscal 1990-91 budget.

"The same is not true for several other cities in our state," Schmitz noted, with just a touch of smugness, in his weekly report to the council.

Five months after cutting $2 million in jobs and services, Schmitz said, the City of Palm Springs expects to be out of balance by $1.7 million at the end of this fiscal year, while Los Angeles predicts $120 million in red ink over the next 18 months.

One thing in Carmel's favor thus far—the City Council forecast that sales tax revenues would be lower due to the after effects of the Oct. 17, 1989 earthquake and "the sluggish national economy." In fact, sales tax revenues year-to-date show an increase through October of $11,834, Schmitz reported.

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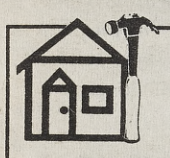

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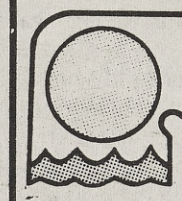

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1-3 on Season

Padres Notch First Hoop Win

By Jennifer Rosenthal

Carmel High broke its season-opening losing streak with a basketball win over Watsonville, but the Padres fell back on the losing side of the ledger when they hosted Hollister.

After Wednesday night's 63-51 loss to Hollister, Carmel stood at 1-3 in non-league play. In that game, senior Lance Scott led Carmel scorers with 16 points, while Will Allan came off the bench to get 11.

In their victory over Watsonville in their home opener, freshman point guard R. J. Powell led the Padres with 12 points and six assists. Scott contributed 11 points, eight rebounds and five assists, while Ben Faher and Tulio Hochkeoppler each scored 10 points.

Prior to that win, Carmel had fallen to Harbor High of Santa Cruz 66-47. David Bernard came off the bench to lead Carmel scoring with 16 points and Powell hit for 11.

The Padres will defend their Mission Trail Athletic League title when conference play opens in January.

In JV play, Carmel lost to Harbor 65-45, but whipped Hollister 56-45 as Frank Melica scored 20 points for the Padres.

In freshman basketball play, Carmel lost to Alisal 54-29, to North Monterey County 55-37 and 43-29 to Hollister. Larry Brooks led the Padre frosh with 6 points against Alisal and 14 against North Monterey. Joey Bernard and Jason Edwards each hit for 9 in the losing effort against Hollister.

Padres Seek Help For Tourney Travel

Carmel High basketball players are seeking the public's help in defraying transportation costs for the Padres' trip to San Antonio to play in a holiday tournament Dec. 26-29.

Athletic Director Bruce Cates said team members initiated the fundraising effort after rising fuel prices boosted the price of plane tickets to Texas by about $100 to close to $300 each for the 13 players and coaches making the trip.

For more information or to make a donation, residents should contact Cates at 624-1821.

County Grants Village $11,000 For More Pathway Construction

The County's Overall Economic Development Commission has unanimously approved granting Carmel Valley Village $11,000 to be used to build additional sections of pedestrian pathways, according to Glen Gurries.

Chairman of the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee's (CVVIC) pathways committee, Gurries said he expected the funds to be available by Jan. 1.

CVVIC had applied for $30,000, but Gurries expressed satisfaction with the reduced grant considering the pressure the County budget is under.

Since the pathways project was initiated in 1987, almost $30,000 has been spent for construction of meandering, landscaped pathways to provide pedestrians safe places to walk. That figure includes $10,000 from an earlier County grant.

The remainder of the funding has been raised by CVVIC, through such projects as the Village Affair. The inaugural event raised some $16,000 for pathways last year, and a second Village Affair is scheduled for Jan. 21.

The money for the grant came from the transit occupancy tax collected by the County and set aside for use in the areas where it was generated.

On a related matter, Gurries said members of his pathways committee had met with a contingent from Rippling River to identify and eliminate obstacles on present and future pathways so that they would be easier for handicapped persons to use.

Holiday Underway

Continued from front page

giving Santa an assist by delivering to area youngsters from a shiny, red fire truck. The deliveries will be made on Christmas eve.

To obtain such a delivery by the Carmel Valley Fire Department, residents should take their gifts to the fire station on Via Contenta between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday up until Dec. 24. Each present should have a 3 x 5 card on it carrying the name, address and phone number of the recipient. The department said no animals or very large packages would be delivered.

Mid Valley Fire Department said presents could be delivered to its station on Carmel Valley Road at Mid Valley any day up until Dec. 23 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mid Valley said gifts should be wrapped and be identified with the child's name, address and telephone number. It said only one package would be accepted for delivery to any child.

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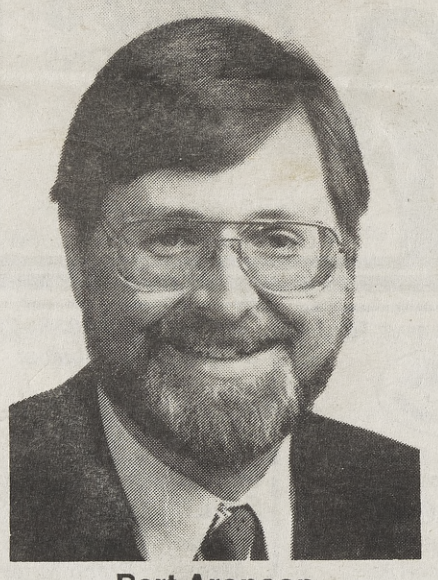
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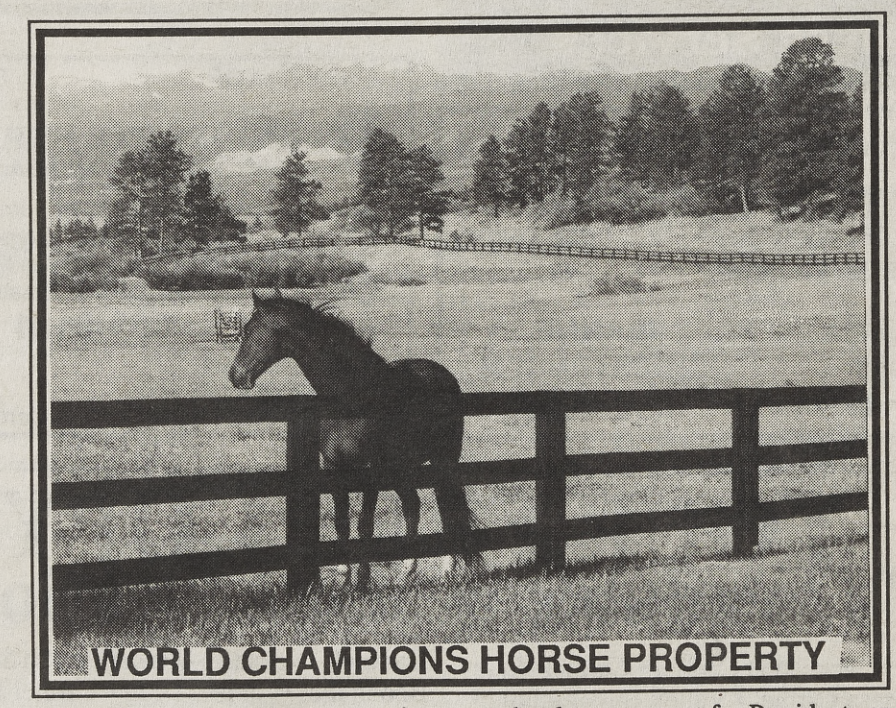

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